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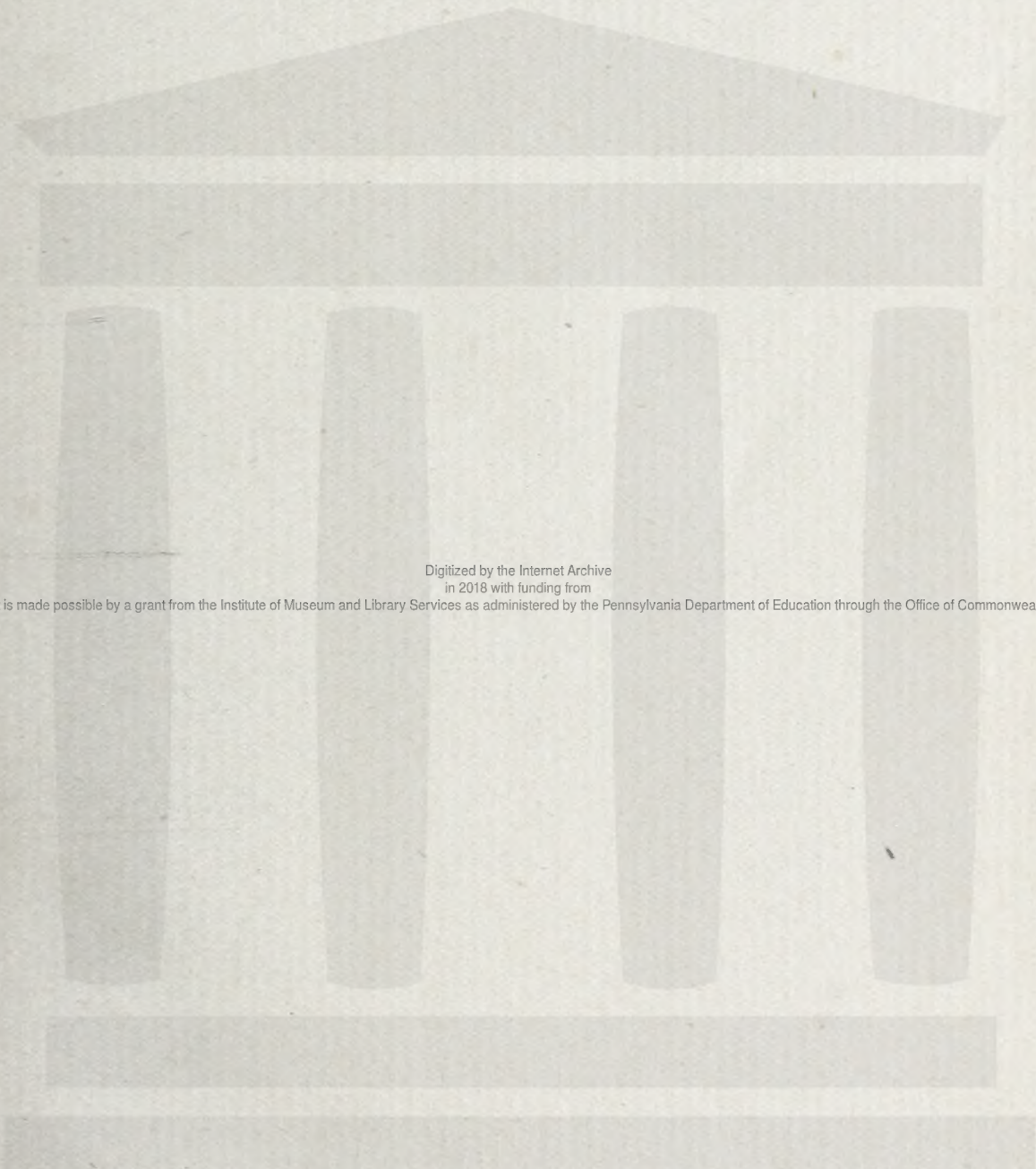
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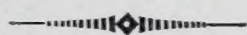


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GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.



ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF THE

MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA,

AND

MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

BEING EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF ITS QUARTERLY
AND ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATIONS

During the Year A.D. 1881—A.L. 5881.

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Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, March 2d, A. D. 1881, A. L. 5881.

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PRESENT:

| | | |
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| Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK, - | - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, - | - | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, - | - | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> |
| " JOSEPH EICHBAUM, - | - | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i> |
| " THOS. R. PATTON, - | - | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " CHARLES H. KINGSTON, - | - | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " GEORGE R. GRAHAM, - | - | <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| " OSCAR R. MEYERS, - | - | <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| " EDWARD H. SHEARER, | } | <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| " WILLIAM CHAMBERLIN, | | |
| " JOHN P. CLARK, - | | |
| " ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, | | |
| " GETER C. SHIDLE, - | | |
| " WM. B. MEREDITH, | | |
| " GEORGE A. JENKS, - | | |
| " ROBT. L. MCCLELLAN, | | |
| " WM. CHATLAND, - | | |
| " JACOB F. QUILLMAN, | | |
| " SAMUEL L. FRENCH, | | |

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| Bro. GEORGE MYERS, - | } | <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| " WILLIAM H. BELLOWS, - | | |
| " GEORGE W. WOOD, - | - | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| " LOUIS M. CHASTEAU, - | - | <i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i> |
| " HENRY H. HAYNES, - | - | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| " HARRISON G. CLARK, - | - | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |
| " JOHN THOMSON, - | } | <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i> |
| " RICHARD VAUX, - | | |
| " ROBT. A. LAMBERTON, - | | |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, - | | |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | | |
| " RICHARD VAUX, - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Ala- bama, Texas, Minnesota and Washington Territory.</i> |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, - | | |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Caro- lina.</i> |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, - - | | |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i> |
| " CHARLES E. MEYER, - | | |
| " AUGUSTUS R. HALL, - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mary- land.</i> |
| " JOHN CURTIS, - - | | |
| | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colo- rado.</i> |
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| Bro. MICHAEL ARNOLD, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i> |
| " WM. B. HACKENBURG, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.</i> |
| " CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.</i> |
| " E. HARPER JEFFRIES, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.</i> |

Ninety-seven Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 6 o'clock 15 minutes, P. M.

A communication was received from Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of the State of South Carolina, giving notice that a commission as Grand Representative had been forwarded to Brother HEXT M. PERRY. On motion it was received and filed.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary stated that Lodge No. 480 having made its returns its Warrant had been revived by that act in accordance with the Ahiman Rezon.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary reported that Lodge No. 239 had surrendered its Warrant and effects.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother

SAMUEL B. DICK decided that the amendment to the Ahiman Rezon offered at the Quarterly Communication in December last, could not be acted on, as it was required by the Ahiman Rezon, that all amendments must be offered at the Annual Grand Communication.

A Proclamation was received from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of New Mexico, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the first Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—the earliest Communication of a Grand Lodge in America, will occur on St. John's Day, June 24, A. D. 1882, A. L. 5882 ;

AND WHEREAS, This appears to be a fitting occasion for the commemoration by the Craft in Pennsylvania of the introduction of Freemasonry into this jurisdiction, its rapid growth during the past one hundred and fifty years, and its present flourishing condition.

Resolved, That a committee of five, in addition to the elective officers of the Grand Lodge, be appointed to consider the expediency of holding an appropriate Masonic celebration in Philadelphia, on St. John's Day, June 24, A. L. 5882, to report at the Quarterly Communication in June next.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON,

Brothers CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, CHARLES W. BATCHELOR and SAMUEL L. FRENCH as said Committee.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock 50 minutes, P. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, June 1, A. D. 1881, A. L. 5881.

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PRESENT:

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
| “ CONRAD B. DAY, | - - | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| “ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | - | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ JOSEPH EICHBAUM, | - - | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ THOMAS R. PATTON, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| “ MICHAEL NISBET, | - - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| “ CHARLES H. KINGSTON, | | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i> |
| “ OSCAR R. MEYERS, | - | <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| “ SAMUEL J. DICKEY, | - | <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| “ JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D., | } | <i>Grand Chaplains.</i> |
| “ WM. B. WOOD, D.D., | | |
| “ JOHN S. J. McCONNELL, | | |
| “ ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, | } | <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| “ JOHN P. CLARK, | | |
| “ JOHN M. CLAPP, | | |
| “ ELIAS W. HALE, | | |
| “ M. H. HENDERSON, | | |
| “ WM. B. MEREDITH, | | |
| “ GEO. A. JENKS, | | |
| “ R. L. McCLELLAN, | | |
| “ THOMAS S. McNAIR, | | |
| “ CHAS. L. WHEELER, | | |

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| Bro. SAMUEL W. BROADBENT, | } | <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| " JOHN WILCOX, - | | |
| " GEORGE W. WOOD, - | | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| " JOEL S. PERKINS, - | | <i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i> |
| " HENRY H. HAYNES, - | | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| " HARRISON G. CLARK, - | | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |
| " JOHN THOMSON, - | } | <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i> |
| " RICHARD VAUX, - | | |
| " ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, | | |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, | | |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | | |
| " RICHARD VAUX, - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, Alabama, Texas, Minnesota, Washington Ter- ritory, and Colon and Cuba.</i> |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, | | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Louisiana.</i> |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Caro- lina.</i> |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, - | | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i> |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i> |
| " MICHAEL ARNOLD, - | | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i> |
| " CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.</i> |
| " E. HARPER JEFFRIES, | | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.</i> |
| " J. PARKER MARTIN, | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.</i> |

Eighty-seven Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock 20 minutes, P. M.

An appeal was received from Brother _____ and others, appealing from the action of the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. —, in deciding that the motion constituting Life Members, passed December 1, 1870, was illegal and that the action of the Lodge, ordering the Secretary to charge the said members with full dues from time of their admission, and summoning them to appear and pay their indebtedness or show cause why they should not be suspended, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

On motion of Brother _____ the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary be directed to notify _____ Lodge, No. —, F. and A. M., at their next meeting, of the pendency of the appeal of Brother _____ and others, with direction to said Lodge to stay all proceedings until this Grand Lodge shall determine the question in controversy.

A petition for a Warrant for a Lodge to be held in Tionesta, Forest county, Pennsylvania, was received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A missive was received and read from Most Worshipful Brother JOHN T. IRION, Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, for the State of Tennessee, in the United States of America, appointing Brother J. PARKER MARTIN, the Representative of that Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, near the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, when, on motion,

the missive was received, and Brother J. PARKER MARTIN was acknowledged as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, near this Grand Lodge.

A missive was received and read from Most Worshipful Brother ANTONIO GORIN, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba, appointing Brother Honorable RICHARD VAUX, Past Grand Master, the Representative of that Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, near the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; when on motion the missive was received, and Right Worshipful Brother RICHARD VAUX was acknowledged as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba, near this Grand Lodge.

A communication was received and read from Lodge, No. —, as to the decision of the Worshipful Master, refusing admission to that Lodge of ———, a member of ———— Lodge, No. —, F. and A. M., ————, New Jersey, said ———— having been rejected by ———— Lodge, No. —, June 16, 1859, which was referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

A protest was received and read from Lodge, No. —, against the action of ———— Lodge, No. —, F. and A. M., in approving and initiating ————, of Wiconisco, a rejected applicant in said Lodge, No. —, which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A circular letter was received and read from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, announcing the death of their Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother ALLEN HILL CROWE, who departed this life on the 10th November, A. D. 1880, which was ordered to be entered and filed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

The Committee on Landmarks made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,
F. and A. M. :*

Your Committee on Landmarks respectfully report that at your Quarterly Communication on December 1, 1880, so much of the report then made by the Committee on By-Laws, as related to the By-Laws of Frankford Lodge, No. 292, was referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

The question presented for consideration arises out of By-Law, Art. IX, Sec. 3, entitled "Standing Committees," which reads "*Trustees of the Hall*. The Trustees of the Hall shall take charge of the regalia and other furniture of the Lodge and keep the same in repair, purchase, new furniture and regalia when directed, and make a written report, with a full and correct inventory attached, of the amount and condition of their trust, at the stated meeting next succeeding the annual election." Upon an examination of the By-Laws by your Committee, we could not discover when and by whom these Trustees were elected or appointed or the term of such election or appointment, and upon further inquiry there was submitted to us a copy of a deed which created them. On the 25th of March, 1875, William Baird and wife by their indenture granted to nine persons a certain lot in Frankford, with a two-story brick hall thereon erected to hold in trust for Frankford Lodge, No. 292. It was pro-

vided that when these nine should be reduced by death or otherwise below seven, that Frankford Lodge should nominate from its own members persons to fill the vacancies "so that the number of Trustees shall not at any time thereafter exceed seven." Originally these nominees were to be approved by the Court of Common Pleas, of Philadelphia, but by subsequent declaration this method of approval was abrogated and annulled, and that of the Right Worshipful Grand Master substituted. It is then to these Trustees constituted by deed that the By-Law in question commits the custody of "the regalia and other furniture of the Lodge." This fact does not seem to have been presented to your Committee on By-Laws.

Trustees are not officers of the Lodge, for the A. R., p. 46, Sec. 6, prescribes what shall and what may be these officers. Trustees are not named, they are therefore excluded. Not officers, then they are in the nature of a Committee, as they have been classified by the Article under consideration; but a Committee is the creature of the Lodge, subject to its direction and its dismissal. These Trustees are neither so created, nor so subject to removal.

By the A. R., Sec. 30, p. 52. It is the duty of the Master * * * to see * * * that the property and funds of the Lodge be justly managed and dispensed. By this By-Law property which he must see managed is placed under the charge of those over whom the Worshipful Master has no control.

It is a part of Masonic polity, that at stated times at intervals not exceeding a year, the Worshipful Master and the members of the Lodge shall have the opportunity of continuing in service those performing duty in the Lodge or of choosing others. These Trustees are above and beyond any such regulation. They hold their title to their trust by a writing outside of the Lodge. To enable the Lodge to pass effectually upon the manner in which they exercise the duties of their custodianship the By-Law would have first to be changed.

In recognition of the power and duty of the Worshipful Master, to be primarily responsible and chargeable for the jewels and furniture of the Lodge, it is declared by the A. R., p. 50, Sec. 22: When a Lodge is dissolved, it is the duty of the last Treasurer and Secretary, within three months after its dissolution, to surrender to the Grand Secretary the Warrant, books, papers, jewels, *furniture* and funds of such Lodge; and the last presiding officer is to transmit to the Grand Secretary an inventory thereof, and be responsible for the execution of this Article.

These Trustees of the Hall by a title extrinsic to the Worshipful Master and the Lodge were named and are continued, and to them is committed the custody of the regalia and furniture, and so they could exclude the Secretary, Treasurer and Worshipful Master from compliance with this provision of the A. R. and render it nugatory.

All this seems to your Committee to be clearly in derogation of Masonic regulation, and we therefore are of opinion that so much of the By-Law as has been referred to us should be annulled. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN THOMSON,

Chairman.

SAMUEL B. DICK,

CONRAD B. DAY,

R. A. LAMBERTON

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

The Committee on Temple reported, among other things, the following :

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last Grand Communication, we have drawn our orders on the Grand Treasurer to pay rebate to those Bodies meeting in Gothic Hall, who had paid for its alteration.

The account of alteration of Gothic Hall stands as follows:

RECEIPTS.

| | | | | | |
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| From Commandery, No. 2, | - | - | - | - | \$709 25 |
| “ “ “ 4, | - | - | - | - | 1,134 75 |
| “ “ “ 29, | - | - | - | - | 520 00 |
| “ “ “ 36, | - | - | - | - | 945 60 |
| “ “ “ 47, | - | - | - | - | 472 75 |
| “ “ “ 53, | - | - | - | - | 378 25 |
| “ A. and A. S. Rite, | - | - | - | - | 1,418 50 |
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| | | | | | \$5,579 10 |
| From sale of old material, | - | - | - | - | 52 00 |
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| | | | | | \$5,631 10 |

PAYMENTS.

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| As per vouchers already approved by the Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge, | - | - | \$5,631 10 |
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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee of Five, in addition to the Elective Officers of the Grand Lodge, appointed to consider the expediency of holding an appropriate Masonic Celebration in Philadelphia, on St. John's Day, June 24, A. L. 5882, made the following report, which was, on motion, approved, and the resolution thereto attached adopted.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of Grand Lodge:

The Special Committee of Five, in addition to the elective officers of the Grand Lodge, to which was referred the question of “the expediency of holding an appropriate Masonic celebration, in Philadelphia, on St. John's Day June, 24, A. L. 5882,” in honor of “the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the first Annual Grand Communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—the ear-

liest Communication of a Grand Lodge in America," under the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March last, beg leave to report, that after full and careful consideration of the subject-matter committed to them, your Committee unanimously resolved, to recommend to Grand Lodge the following resolution, for adoption at the June Quarterly Communication :

"*Resolved*, That this Committee considers it not only expedient, but eminently advisable and proper that an appropriate Masonic Celebration be held in Philadelphia, on St. John's Day, June 24, A. L. 5882, to commemorate the Sesqui-Centennial of the first annual Grand Communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and first election of a Grand Master for this jurisdiction.

"*Resolved*, That the early introduction, rapid growth during the past one hundred and fifty years, and present flourishing condition, of the Craft in Pennsylvania, call for special recognition in connection with this event.

"*Resolved*, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be recommended to appoint a Committee of Twenty-one Brethren, to whom the elective Grand Officers shall be added, to have charge of said celebration, and make all fitting arrangements therefor."

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL B. DICK,

Grand Master,

CONRAD B. DAY,

Deputy Grand Master,

E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,

Senior Grand Warden,

JOS. EICHBAUM,

Junior Grand Warden,

THOMAS R. PATTON,

Grand Treasurer,

MICHAEL NISBET,

Grand Secretary,

RICHARD VAUX,

R. A. LAMBERTON,

CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Brothers E. HARPER JEFFRIES, HENRY M. DECHERT, JOHN G. BOBB, ASA B. STEVENS, CHARLES W. BATCHELOR, JOHN J. WADSWORTH, B. FRANK ABBETT, M. H. HENDERSON, CHARLES W. MACKEY, JACOB F. QUILLMAN, J. SIMPSON AFRICA, ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, DANIEL H. NEIMAN, JOSEPH L. LEMBERGER, FREDERICK H. KELLER, THOMAS J. CLAYTON and S. M. JACKSON, as said Committee.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony, at 9 o'clock 5 minutes, P. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, September 7, A.D. 1881, A.L. 5881.

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PRESENT:

| | |
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| Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK, - - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
| “ CONRAD B. DAY, - - | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| “ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, - | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ JOSEPH EICHBAUM, - | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ THOMAS R. PATTON, - | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| “ MICHAEL NISBET, - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| “ CHARLES H. KINGSTON, | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i> |
| “ GEORGE S. GRAHAM, - | <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| “ OSCAR R. MEYERS, - | <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| “ JOHN S. J. McCONNELL, | } <i>Grand Chaplains.</i> |
| “ RICH'D H. ALLEN, D.D., | |
| “ EDWARD H. SHEARER, | } <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| “ ROBERT H. LERCH, - - | |
| “ FRED. H. KELLER, - | |
| “ ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, | |
| “ GETER C. SHIDLE, - - | |
| “ R. L. McCLELLAN, - | } <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| “ THOMAS S. McNAIR, - | |
| “ SAMUEL L. FRENCH, - | |
| “ JACOB F. QUILLMAN, - | |
| “ THOMAS S. WOODBURY, | |
| “ GEORGE TURNER, - - | |

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| Bro. GEORGE W. WOOD, - | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| " LOUIS M. CHASTEAU, - | <i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i> |
| " HENRY H. HAYNES, - | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| " HARRISON G. CLARK, - | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, } | <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i> |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - - } | |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Louisiana.</i> |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - - } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Caro- lina.</i> |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, - - } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i> |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i> |
| " MICHAEL ARNOLD, - - } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i> |
| " CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.</i> |
| " AUGUSTUS R. HALL, - } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i> |
| " CHARLES E. MEYER, } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i> |
| " JOHN CURTIS, - - - } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i> |

Eighty-four Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock
10 minutes, P. M.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother
SAMUEL B. DICK, handed the Right Worshipful Grand
Secretary the following Minute, and directed him to
place it on the proceedings, and send a certified copy
thereof to Mrs. James A. Garfield :

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, at their Quarterly Communication now assembled, desire to express their earnest and heartfelt sympathy with you, in this your time of trial, and devoutly pray the Great Grand Master of the Universe to restore our distinguished Masonic Brother, your husband, to health and strength.

A communication was received and read from District Deputy Grand Master Brother JACOB F. QUILLMAN, requesting permission of Lodge No. 553, whose place of meeting has been destroyed by fire, to hold its meetings in the Hall of Lodge No. 75, at Phoenixville, until such time as it can obtain a suitable place of meeting in Spring City, when on motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be given to Lodge No. 553, to hold its meetings in the Hall of Lodge No. 75, at Phoenixville, until such time as it can obtain a suitable place of meeting in Spring City.

A petition for a Warrant for a Lodge to be held in Lansdale, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, was received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report which was read, and on motion the accompanying resolution was adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

In the matter of the appeal of ————— from the decision of the Worshipful Master of ————— Lodge, No. —, and the action of the Lodge thereon.

————— Lodge, No. —, was constituted in September, 1870. At a meeting of the Lodge held on Thursday, October 6th, 1870, the Worshipful Master appointed a Committee

on By-Laws. This Committee commenced the preparation of a code of By-Laws for the Lodge, and at the meeting of the Lodge held on November 3, 1870, the Committee reported progress. Meanwhile the By-Laws of ———— Lodge, No. —, were adopted as a temporary code for the government of the Lodge. On Thursday, December 1, 1870, the appellants and other Brethren of the Lodge, were, on motion, constituted life members of the Lodge, and all dues accruing against them were remitted. On Wednesday, January 18, 1871, the consideration of the report of the Committee on By-Laws, being the special order of the evening, the report was, after slight amendment, adopted as a whole. The Secretary was directed to have the By-Laws printed and referred to the Committee on By-Laws of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for approval.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, held on March 1, 1871, the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. —, after some amendments had been made, were approved; and at the meeting of Lodge No. —, held on April 6, 1871 (Thursday), the report of the action of the Grand Lodge was received and entered on the minutes.

At a meeting of Lodge —, held on February 1, 1881, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge decided that the motion constituting the appellants life members, passed on December 1, 1870, was illegal. On April 5, 1881, the Worshipful Master decided that it was the duty of the Secretary to charge the appellants full dues from the time of their admission.

On May 3, 1881, on motion, a summons was directed to be issued citing those members who had been declared off the roll of life members to pay their indebtedness to the Lodge or show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues.

From this action the present appeal is taken, the appellants asserting, among their reasons, that the action of the Lodge in constituting them life members was within the

powers of the Lodge, that it was right and proper and sanctioned by precedents; that the adoption of the By-Laws of Lodge No. —, for the temporary government of the Lodge, did not and could not affect the action of the Lodge, as said By-Laws never were approved by the Grand Lodge; and that the Worshipful Master erred in deciding that the action of the Lodge in constituting them life members was illegal.

According to the By-Laws of ———— Lodge, its stated meetings were held on the third Thursday of each month, yet ———— Lodge never held its stated meetings on that day. All its meetings were held on the first Thursday of each month. According to the By-Laws of ———— Lodge, the fee for life membership was forty dollars, yet the appellants were made life members without being required to pay any fee whatever. More than ten years afterwards the Worshipful Master of ———— Lodge, decided that the resolution of the Lodge making the appellants life members was illegal, and as a consequence that it was the duty of the Secretary to charge them with full dues from the time of their admission.

The resolution of ———— Lodge adopting the By-Laws of ———— Lodge as a temporary code for the government of the Lodge, was only obligatory so long as the action of the Lodge was not in contravention of any or either of those By-Laws. The resolution of ———— Lodge, making the appellants life members was a repeal *pro tanto* of the temporary code of By-Laws, so far as they related to life membership. This is beyond doubt the Masonic law on the subject. If ———— Lodge were held to any other rule of action, every act of the Lodge, all its work on the floor, and whatever else of importance it may have done as a Lodge at a regular stated meeting is void.

The By-Laws of ———— Lodge fixed the third Thursday as the date of its stated meetings. ———— Lodge met on the first Thursday, and its permanent By-Laws were considered and adopted on days other than the

day fixed by the temporary By-Laws. If the temporary By-Laws were of such force that nothing could be done except in pursuance of them, the consequences would be disastrous to very much of the work of the Lodge. These consequences, however, are averted by the wisdom of the Grand Lodge, which has declared in Section 15, of the Ahiman Rezon, Title Subordinate Lodges, that the By-Laws of every Lodge shall be reported to the Grand Lodge for its approbation and until approved, are not valid.

It may be well to add that since the adoption of the new Ahiman Rezon of 1877, all Lodges are prohibited from making its charter members life members for a less sum than forty dollars.

Your committee respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of ————, and others, above named, from ———— Lodge, be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

M. ARNOLD,

For the Committee.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report which was read, and, on motion, the accompanying resolution was adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

A copy of a resolution of ———— Lodge, No. —, asking that the expulsion of ———— be revoked, has been referred to and considered by this Committee.

It is in the nature of an appeal to the Grand Lodge for its action, and your Committee only report on it in order to state that sufficient reasons have not been given for invoking the action of the Grand Lodge in this case.

It is clear that in all such cases the Grand Lodge cannot act with sound judgment and wise discretion, unless the reasons for the request are fully set out, together with the cause of the expulsion.

Your Committee therefore respectfully offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That Lodge No. —, be requested to add to its application by giving a full recital of the reasons for making the application.

Respectfully submitted.

M. ARNOLD,
For the Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws reported, among other things, the following :

At the Quarterly Communication in June last, your Committee amended the By-Laws of Lodge, No. —, requiring the Secretary of the Lodge to send monthly notices to the members of the Lodge with the name, age, residence and occupation of those who made application for initiation and membership or membership as per form of By-Laws, Article III, Section 4, as approved by this Grand Lodge. They now send an amendment, leaving out this clause, and ask its approval, giving as a reason that it has not been the custom to send monthly notices, and it would entail an expense of forty to fifty dollars per annum on the Lodge to do so.

Your Committee deem it essential for the good of the Fraternity that notice should be sent to each member that they may judge of the fitness of each and every applicant that may come forward for ballot and know the material that will constitute their Lodge members, and would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposed amendments offered by Lodge No. —, be not approved.

The resolution was adopted.

The Grand Secretary stated that the Ahiman Rezon required him to report at this Quarterly Com-

munication of the Grand Lodge the number of members belonging to each Subordinate Lodge, and the initiations, admissions, &c., during the preceding year, but that he had found many differences between the returns of the Lodges, and the records of the Grand Lodge, which he was trying to have corrected. That there were still twenty-two Lodges to be adjusted, they having failed to complete their returns, and that it was impossible to make a just and true report as to the facts and figures at this time; and asked that the time for presenting said report be extended to the Quarterly Communication in December next, which was granted.

Grand Lodge closed at 9 o'clock, P. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, Dec. 7th, A. D. 1881, A. L. 5881.

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PRESENT:

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| Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, | - | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | - | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> |
| " JOSEPH EICHBAUM, | - | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i> |
| " THOMAS R. PATTON, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " CHARLES H. KINGSTON, | | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " GEORGE S. GRAHAM, | - | <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| " OSCAR R. MEYERS, | - | <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| " ADDISON V. C. SCHENCK, | | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| " CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, | } | <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| " ASA B. STEVENS, | | |
| " WM. CHAMBERLIN, | | |
| " FRED. H. KELLER, | | |
| " JOHN P. CLARK, | | |
| " ALEX. M. LLOYD, | | |
| " JOHN M. CLAPP, | | |
| " MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, | | |
| " CLARK F. WARDEN, | | |
| " GETER C. SHIDLE, | - | |

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| Bro. WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, - - - | } | <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| " FREDERICK C. WHITTLESEY, - - - | | |
| " GEORGE A. JENKS, | | |
| " THOMAS S. MCNAIR, | | |
| " WILLIAM CHATLAND, | | |
| " JOHN J. WADSWORTH, | | |
| " ELBERT P. JONES, - | | |
| " SAMUEL L. FRENCH, | } | <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| " CHARLES L. WHEELER, | | |
| " SPENCER C. GILBERT, | | |
| " SAMUEL W. BROADBENT, - - - | } | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| " GEORGE W. WOOD, - | | |
| " LOUIS M. CHASTEAU, - | | |
| " HENRY H. HAYNES, - | | |
| " HARRISON G. CLARK, - | | |
| " JOHN THOMSON, - | | |
| " RICHARD VAUX, - | | |
| " ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, - - - | } | <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i> |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, | | |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | | |
| " RICHARD VAUX, - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, Alabama, Texas, Minnesota, Washington Territory and Colon and Cuba.</i> |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, | | |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | | |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.</i> |
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| | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i> |
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| Bro. E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i> |
| “ MICHAEL ARNOLD,- | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i> |
| “ CLIFFORD P. MAC- CALLA, - - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.</i> |
| “ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i> |
| “ CHARLES E. MEYER, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i> |
| “ JOHN CURTIS, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i> |
| “ WM. B. HACKENBURG, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Is- land, &c.</i> |
| “ E. HARPER JEFFRIES, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.</i> |
| “ J. PARKER MARTIN, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.</i> |
| “ HEXT M. PERRY, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Caro- lina.</i> |

One hundred and seventy-two Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ancient form at 10 o'clock
20 minutes, A. M.

This being the time designated by the Ahiman Rezon for the election of Officers and Trustees to serve the ensuing Masonic year, commencing on St. John's Day next, the Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint tellers, who having reported, the Right Worshipful Grand Master declared the following Brethren duly elected :

R. W. Grand Master,
 Brother SAMUEL B. DICK.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master,
 Brother CONRAD B. DAY.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden,
 Brother E. COPPÉE MITCHELL.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden,
 Brother JOSEPH EICHBAUM.

R. W. Grand Treasurer,
 Brother THOMAS R. PATTON.

R. W. Grand Secretary,
 Brother MICHAEL NISBET.

Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

Brother JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,
 “ GEORGE GRISCOM,
 “ DANIEL BRITTAIN,
 “ JOHN HANOLD,
 “ EDWARD STRICKLAND.

Trustees Girard Bequest.

Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
 “ GEORGE THOMSON,
 “ CHARLES M. PREVOST,
 “ HENRY C. HOWELL,
 “ JACOB ROBERTS.

An Appeal of Brother ——— against the ruling of
 the Worshipful Master of ——— Lodge, No. —,
 pending the amendment to its By-Laws, was read,
 and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A Communication was received and read, from a number of late members of late ——— Lodge, No. —, petitioning the Grand Lodge to remove the suspension of said Lodge, and restore to them its Warrant and authorize them to resume labor as ——— Lodge, No. —, under and subject to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, when, on motion, it was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Communication from Brother ROBERT B. BERRY, Secretary of the “Washington Masonic Temple Association,” in regard to the “Washington Masonic Memorial Fund” was read, and on motion laid on the table to ascertain if it had the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Virginia in sending the same.

A Communication from Right Worshipful Brother J. H. MEDAIRDY, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland, in regard to conferring the three degrees in sister jurisdictions, was read, and ordered to be filed.

An Appeal from ———, of ——— Lodge, No. —, against its action in suspending him for non-payment of dues, was read, and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, stated to the Grand Lodge that it was the intention of those connected with the proposed Elevated Railroad, to build the same along the north side of Filbert street, in close proximity to the Temple, which would ruin the same for our purposes,

when Brother WILLIAM J. KELLY offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters, in conjunction with the elective officers of this Grand Lodge, be constituted a committee to represent the interests of the Grand Lodge property before the proper authorities of this City, and are empowered and directed to use all proper means to prevent the desecration of this Temple by the erection of an elevated railroad on Filbert street along its southern front.

On motion, Brother WILLIAM J. KELLY was added to the Committee.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, stated that he had learned it was the custom in Philadelphia to install the Worshipful Master on the night of the election, and not to install the other officers until the succeeding stated meeting, which he considered contrary to Masonic law, and the continuance of it will not be permitted during his administration. The Wardens must be installed at the same meeting the Worshipful Master is installed.

A Missive from Brother JAMES T. IZLAR, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina, appointing Brother HEXT M. PERRY, the Representative of that Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was read, and, on motion, the Missive was received and Brother HEXT M. PERRY was acknowledged as the Representative of said Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, when, on motion, the report was accepted and the resolutions thereto attached adopted.:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund, Trustees Stephen Girard Charity Fund, Committee on Temple and Committee on Library, and found them correct and agreeing with their vouchers; also the securities held by each, and found them correct. Their transactions will be fully set out in their several reports to the Grand Lodge.

They also examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and found them correct, and show as follows:

The accounts of the Grand Secretary show:

| RECEIPTS: | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| For Dues, - | - | - | - | - | \$47,500 46 |
| “ Initiations, - | - | - | - | - | 9,802 64 |
| “ Ten per cents., - | - | - | - | - | 1,862 50 |
| “ Masonic Rents, - | - | - | - | - | 36,914 16 |
| “ Store Rents, - | - | - | . | - | 7,650 00 |
| “ Warrants, - | - | - | - | - | 600 00 |
| “ Temple Committee, - | - | - | - | - | 1,018 15 |
| “ Interest on Deposit, Grand Treas- | | | | | |
| urer, - | - | - | - | - | \$303 37 |
| “ Interest on Deposit, Grand Sec- | | | | | |
| retary, - | - | - | - | - | 27 80 |
| | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | 331 17 |
| “ Dispensations, - | - | - | - | - | 5,865 00 |
| Balance, Nov. 15th, 1880, - | - | - | | | 6,889 20 |
| | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | \$118,433 28 |

PAYMENTS.

For Interest due March

1st, 1881, - - \$31,987 50

" Interest due Septem-

ber 1st, 1881, - 31,987 50

\$63,975 00

" Temple Committee, 14,763 99

" Grand Master, - 1,500 00

" District Deputy
Grand Masters, - 1,387 40

" Sinking Fund, - 5,200 00

" Masonic Temple 6
per cent. Redemp-
tion Loan, - - 6,600 00

" Warrant, - - 200 00

" Library Committee, 350 00

" Salaries,

Thomas R. Patton,
Grand Treasurer, \$200 00John Thomson,
Grand Secretary, 500 00Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary, 1,750 00Charles H. King-
ston, - - 1,200 00Charles H. King-
ston, - - 400 00

Jos. H. Boswell, - 1,083 33

Geo. W. Wood, - 375 00

H. G. Clark, - 150 00

\$5,658 33" Expenses Grand
Lodge:Expenses Election
in December, -

35 00

For Expenses Grand
Lodge:

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| C. W. Nonneville, Expenses Oriental Room, - - | \$3 75 | |
| John L. Young, Expenses Oriental Room, - - | 18 00 | |
| McCambridge & Co. Expenses Oriental Room, - - | 87 50 | |
| H. G. Clark, Sup't, Expenses Oriental Room, - - | 17 43 | |
| | <hr/> | \$126 68 |

Chestnut St. Hall:

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| Weaver & Pennock, Repairs, - - | \$37 76 | |
| Weaver & Pennock, Repairs, - - | 19 62 | |
| L. W. Schnider, Repairs, - - | 6.00 | |
| J. B. Foust, Re- pairs, - - | 51 75 | |
| Chas. Abell, Re- pairs, - - | 12 75 | |
| Water Rent, - | 62 00 | |
| Taxes, 1881, - | 3,512 42 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,702 30 |

For Testimonial to
Brother John
Thomson, - -

\$250 00

Sherman & Co., print-
ing blank Com-
missions for Dis-
trict Deputy Grand
Masters and Let-
ters of Instruction
from Grand Mas-
ter, - - -

21 00

For Expenses Grand
Lodge:

J. & J. S. Barber, for
Binders' Boards, - \$13 75

For Books, Station-
ery, Postage, Ex-
pressage, &c., for
the various offices, 304 52

Murphy's Sons, Sta-
tionery, - - 8 60

Binding Grand Lodge
Bible, - - - 20 00

Thomson & Bros.,
Printing Annual
Returns, Reports,
Notices, Circulars,
&c., - - - 233 12

Geo. F. Lewis, Print-
ing 100 Grand
Lodge Certificates
on Parchment, - 55 00

McCalla & Stavely,
Printing Grand
Lodge Proceedings
for 1880, - - 712 84

J. W. Wilson, Repairs
to Grand Lodge
Clothing, - - 158 50

Horstman Bro. & Co.,
for Clothing for
Grand Lodge, - 168 75

Joseph Eichbaum, ex-
penses for Witnesses
to New York in case
of Th. Tobias, - 78 95

For Expenses Grand
Lodge:

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| T. H. McCook, En- grossing Testimon- ial for Past Grand Master Nisbet, - | \$50 00 |
| Library Committee for Reprints, - | 42 00 |
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| | \$2,117 03 |

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| Less Amount Re- ceived for Abate- ment in Water Rent, - - - | \$17 00 |
| do. Received for Sale Old Material, - | 2 50 |
| | <hr/> |

19 50

2,097 53

105,596 23

Balance November 15th, 1881, - - - \$12,837 05.

Which amount agrees with the Books and Vouchers of
the Grand Treasurer.

The accounts of the Grand Secretary for sale of Dispensa-
tions, &c., show:

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| Dispensations, Enter, Pass and Raise, - | \$60 00 |
| Pass and Raise, - - | 60 00 |
| Raise, - - - | 80 00 |
| Pass the Chair, - - | 1,700 00 |
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| | \$1,900 00 |
| Ahiman Rezons, - - - - | 116 00 |
| Attests, - - - - | 63 00 |
| Grand Lodge Certificates, - - | 126 00 |
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| Total, | \$2,205 00 |

Which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The account of the Grand Secretary for payment of Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, 6 per cent., show :

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| Amount due November 15, 1880, | - | - | \$7,050 00 |
| Paid Since, | - | - | 6,600 00 |

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| Leaving amount uncalled for November 15th, 1881, | - | - | \$450 00 |
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| Amount of Interest due November 15th, 1880, | - | - | \$448 19 |
| Paid Since, | - | - | 331 08 |

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| Leaving amount uncalled for and in Bank, November 15th, 1881, | - | - | \$117 11 |
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The account of the Grand Secretary for Interest paid on Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, 5 per cent., show :

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| Amount due March 1st, 1881, and September 1st, 1881, | - | - | \$63,975 00 |
| Paid since. | - | - | 63,251 25 |

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| Leaving amount uncalled for November 15th, 1881, | \$723 75 |
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We have examined the transfer of Bonds and compared the same with the Bond Ledger and found them correct.

The Grand Secretary furnished the Committee with a Balance Sheet of the affairs of the Grand Lodge on the 15th day of November, 1881.

Your Committee present the following estimated receipts and expenditures for the year 1882:

RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------|
| Cash on hand November 15th, 1881, | - | - | \$12,537 05 |
| Dues, | - | - | 48,000 00 |
| Initiations, | - | - | 9,500 00 |
| Ten per cents., | - | - | 2,000 00 |
| Masonic Rents, | - | - | 24,000 00 |
| Store Rents, Chestnut Street Hall, | - | - | 6,000 00 |
| Dispensations, | - | - | 5,500 00 |
| Due by Lodges, &c., | - | - | 16,372 50 |
| Masonic Rents due December 31st, 1881 | | | 7,500 00 |
| | | | <u>\$131,409 55</u> |

PAYMENTS.

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| Interest on Loan, - - | \$63,975 00 |
| Due on Masonic Redemption Loan, 6 per cent., not called for, - - | 450 00 |
| Expenses of Grand Master, - - - \$2,000 00 | |
| Special Appropriation to cover expenses for 1881, 500 00 | |
| | <hr/> 2,500 00 |
| Expenses District Deputy Grand Masters, - - | 1,500 00 |
| Expenses Grand Lodge: For Taxes, Water Rent, and Repairs, Chestnut Street Hall, - \$5,500 00 | |
| Printing, including Grand Lodge Proceedings, &c., - - 1,200 00 | |
| | <hr/> 6,700 00 |
| Stationery, Postage, etc., | 250 00 |
| Temple Committee, - | 15,300 00 |
| do. Special Appropriation for Repairs, - - | 662 00 |
| Library Committee, - | 300 00 |
| Salaries: | |
| Grand Treasurer, - | 200 00 |
| Grand Secretary, - | 2,000 00 |
| Chief Clerk to Grand Secretary, - - | 1,200 00 |
| Clerk to Grand Secretary, - - - | 1,000 00 |
| Clerk to Committee on Finance, - - | 400 00 |
| Clerk to Grand Master, | 400 00 |
| Grand Tyler, - - | 150 00 |
| Due to Lodges, &c., - | 391 03 |

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| Appropriation to Sinking | | |
| Fund, - - - | \$24,300 00 | |
| Appropriation for Sesqui- | | |
| Centennial, - - - | 5,000 00 | |
| | <hr/> | 126,678 03 |
| Leaving Balance, - - - | | \$4,731 52 |

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be and is hereby authorized and requested to draw his Warrants on the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer for the payment of interest on the 5 per cent. Loans for 1882, with the other estimated expenses for the same year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JOHN C. YEAGER,
JAMES HERDMAN,
AUGUSTUS R. HALL,
E. HARPER JEFFRIES,
E. P. KINGSBURY.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, which was, on motion, accepted and the resolution adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, November 15, 1881.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons:

BRETHREN:—The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund submit the following statement as the financial operation of the Trust for the fiscal year ending November 15th, 1881:

1880.

Nov. 15, Balance on deposit as per report, - \$1,320 34

1881.

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|-------|----|---|------------|
| Mar. | 5, | Received 6 months' interest on \$69,700 | |
| | | Masonic Loan, - - - - | \$1,742 50 |
| Sept. | 3, | Received 6 months' interest on \$69,700 | |
| | | Masonic Loan, - - - - | 1,742 50 |
| Nov. | 6, | Received Interest on Deposit, - - | 24 90 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$4,830 24 |

1881.

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|-------|----|----------------------------|------------|
| Jan'y | 1, | Paid Order No. 1, Almoners | |
| | | Grand Lodge Charity Fund, | \$1,100 00 |
| April | 8, | Paid Order No. 2, Almoners | |
| | | Grand Lodge Charity Fund, | 600 00 |
| July | 5, | Paid Order No. 3, Almoners | |
| | | Grand Lodge Charity Fund, | 600 00 |
| Oct. | 4, | Paid Order No. 4, Almoners | |
| | | Grand Lodge Charity Fund, | 1,185 00 |
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| | | | 3,485 00 |

Balance on deposit with Fidelity Ins. Trust Co., \$1,345 24

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held December 27th, 1880, the Grand Lodge, by resolution, instructed the Trustees to appropriate the entire income of the Fund to the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, in consequence of which the invested Fund remains the same as per last report, namely Sixty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars (\$69,700), all invested in Masonic Temple five per cent. Redemption Loan.

The balance on deposit with the Fidelity Insurance Trust and Safe Deposit Company has been increased the amount they allowed for interest on deposits during the year namely, \$24.90.

In order to increase the invested Fund three hundred dollars (\$300), thereby making an even sum of Seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) total investments, the Trustees offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Trustees be requested to appropriate

to the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, if required, the sum of Three thousand three hundred dollars (\$3300) for the year 1882, all of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,
GEORGE GRISCOM,
DANIEL BRITTAIN,
JOHN HANOLD,
EDWARD STRICKLAND.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GIRARD BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report, when, on motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report that they have received during the fiscal year ending November 15th, 1881 :

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| From Interest on Investments, - - | \$3,150 00 |
| “ “ Deposits, - - | 5 14 |
| | <hr/> \$3,155 14 |
| On account of Principal of Bond and Mortgage | |
| Sunbury Hall Association, - - - - | 100 00 |
| To which add balance November 15th, 1880, per | |
| Report of Finance Committee, - - - - | 448 19 |
| | <hr/> |
| Makes a total of - - - - - | \$3,703 33 |
| They have paid during the same period on orders | |
| for the use of the Stewards of the Stephen | |
| Girard Charity Fund, - - - - - | \$3,000 00 |
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Leaving a balance November 15, 1881, of \$703 33

On deposit in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, at one per cent.

Their accounts with the securities of the Trust have been examined by the Finance Committee, and found correct.

There has been no change in the investments since the date of the last report, except that \$100 has been paid on account of Bond and Mortgage of Sunbury Masonic Hall Association, and they are at the close of the fiscal year, November 15th, 1881, as follows :

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, 5 per cent., | \$51,000 00 |
| Bond and Mortgage Sunbury Masonic Hall Association, balance due, - - - - - | 900 00 |
| Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.'s Loan of 1884, | 1,000 00 |
| " " " " Gold Loan, - | 8,000 00 |

Making total investments at par value, \$60,900 00

The securities are in the hands of the Chairman, and are deposited in his box at the Fidelity Company.

The Trustees respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending December, 1882, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
HENRY C. HOWELL,
C. M. PREVOST,
JACOB ROBERTS,

DECEMBER 7, 1881.

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund made the following report, when, on motion, the report was accepted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund respectfully present their *Eighth* Annual Report.

The balance on hand November 15th, 1880, as appears by the Seventh Annual Report presented to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication December 1st, 1880, was, - - - - \$411 46

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| They have since received cash from Grand Treas- | | | |
| urer on account of appropriation, | - | - | \$5,200 00 |
| Interest on Masonic Temple Red. Loan, | \$125 | 00 | |
| " " Deposits in Fidelity Co. | | 11 31 | |
| | | <u>136</u> | 31 |
| | | | <u>\$5,747 77</u> |

And there has been paid for Masonic
Loan, 5 per cent. :

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|-------------------------------|---|---|--------------|-------------------|
| Dec. 22, 1880, Principal, | - | - | \$500 00 | |
| Premium on do., | - | | 51 25 | |
| | | | <u>\$551</u> | 25 |
| Oct. 25, 1881, Principal, | - | - | 700 00 | |
| Premium on do., | - | | 66 50 | |
| | | | <u>766</u> | 50 |
| Oct. 31, 1881, Principal, | - | - | 1,000 00 | |
| Premium on do., | - | | 90 00 | |
| | | | <u>1,090</u> | 00 |
| Nov. 2, 1881, Principal, | - | - | 2,000 00 | |
| Premium on do., | - | | 180 00 | |
| | | | <u>2,180</u> | 00 |
| For rent of Safe in Fidelity, | - | - | - | 10 00 |
| Balance November 15th, 1881, | - | - | - | <u>1,150 02</u> |
| | | | | <u>\$5,747 77</u> |

The balance on November 15th, 1881, is on deposit to their credit in the Fidelity at an interest of two per cent.

Their accounts to the close of the fiscal year, November 15th, 1881, with the securities of the Fund, have been examined by the Finance Committee, and found correct.

The Fund at the close of the fiscal year stood as follows :

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|---|---------|-----------------|
| Masonic Temple Redemption Loan 5 per cent., | \$6,200 | 00 |
| Cash, | - | <u>1,150 02</u> |
| Making in all, | - | \$7,350 02 |

There have been no changes in the Funds and investments during the intervening period.

All which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commissioners.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

DECEMBER 7, 1881.

Chairman.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, which was read, when, on motion, the report was accepted and the resolution thereto attached adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons, of Pennsylvania :

At the Communication of the Grand Lodge, held on June 1, 1881, an application was received from ——— Lodge, No. —, asking that the expulsion of ——— be revoked, and it was referred to this Committee. At the Communication of the Grand Lodge, held on Sept. 7, 1881, this Committee reported that no sufficient reasons had been shown why the application should be granted, and the matter was referred back to Lodge, No. —, for a statement of its reasons for making the application. A statement of the reasons has since been furnished by the Lodge and filed with the papers relating to the appeal. The reasons being satisfactory the Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application of ——— Lodge, No. —, be granted, and the expulsion of ——— revoked.

Fraternally submitted,

M. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

DECISION.

The Grand Secretary stated there was a difference of opinion as to the effect of revoking or reversing the action of a Lodge in expelling or suspending a Brother, and requested the Right Worshipful Grand Master to give his decision on the point, when the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, decided that the revoking or reversing of a suspension or expulsion placed the Brother in precisely the same position as if such suspension or expulsion had never taken place.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

The Committee on Temple made the following report, which was read, when, on motion, the report was accepted :

PHILADELPHIA, December 7, 1881.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

SIRS AND BRETHREN :—The Temple Committee beg leave to report that during the quarter, ending 15th ult., they have expended as follows, viz.:

For services of Superintendent, Engineer, Firemen,

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|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------|----|
| Watchmen and Laborers, | - | - | - | - | \$1,776 | 39 |
| For Gas, | - | - | - | - | 420 | 60 |
| “ Ice, | - | - | - | - | 27 | 27 |
| “ Fuel, | - | - | - | - | 700 | 00 |
| “ Contingent Expenses, | - | - | - | - | 1,394 | 33 |

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| Total, | - | - | - | - | - | \$4,318 59 |
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And for the current year, as follows, viz. :

Services of Superintendent, Engineer, Firemen,

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------|----|
| Watchmen and Laborers, | - | - | - | - | \$6,808 | 14 |
| Gas, | - | - | - | - | 2,929 | 00 |
| Fuel, | - | - | - | - | 1,109 | 50 |
| Ice, | - | - | - | - | 121 | 12 |
| Water and Sewage, | - | - | - | - | 166 | 00 |
| Contingent Expenses, | - | - | - | - | 2,707 | 08 |
| Account alterations, Gothic Hall, | - | - | - | - | 150 | 00 |
| “ “ in Oriental Hall, | - | - | - | - | 126 | 68 |

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| Total, | - | - | - | - | - | \$14,117 52 |
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We would further report, that during the past summer we were compelled to renew the grate bars under the two sets of heating boilers, caused by the extreme forcing of the boilers during the long and cold winter of 1880 and 1881.

The old bars were defective in many respects, notably in the fact that the fires had to be put nearly out in cleaning and raking them. We therefore decided to put in patent

revolving grate bars, by which the fire is not disturbed in raking. We have completed the job, materially reducing the fire surface.

We hope to keep the building warm and at a more even temperature at a less cost of coal than heretofore.

The cost of this improvement and necessary re-

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| pairs about the furnaces, was | - - - | \$707 00 |
| For new iron smoke flue, from the eastern boiler | | |
| to stack, - - - - - | - - - - - | 95 00 |
| New Archimedean ventilator on the east stack, | | 60 00 |
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| | | \$862 00 |

The above being an extraordinary expenditure which was not estimated for in our annual appropriation for 1881, we were compelled to ask the Right Worshipful Grand Master to have our orders honored until the present appropriation is available, which he graciously did. The amount reported by the Finance Committee this day covers that of which the above is a history.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. J. KELLY,
GODFREY KEEBLER,
EDWARD MATTHEWS,
H. P. JOHN,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library made the following report, which was read, when, on motion, the report was accepted :

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7, 1881.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

BRETHREN :—The Library Committee beg leave to report:
The receipts have been as follows :

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| From the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge appropriation, - - - - - | \$350 00 |
| From sale of reprints, &c., - - - - - | 331 00 |
| “ “ old papers, - - - - - | 30 75 |
| Balance on hand from last report, - - - | 242 78 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$954 53 |

The payments have been :

| | |
|--|----------|
| For subscriptions to newspapers and purchase of books, - - - - - | \$137 02 |
| For Bro. Wm. Shinn, care of Library, - - | 141 85 |
| “ postage and expressages on reprints, &c., - | 35 56 |
| “ insurance of Memorial Volumes, in sheets, - | 12 00 |
| “ printing Part III of Reprint, - - - | 355 11 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$681 54 |

Leaving balance on hand to meet expenses of Committee, from Nov. 15, 1881, to wit :

| | |
|---|----------|
| Publishing of catalogue of Library, subscriptions to newspapers, care of Library, purchase of books, &c., to close of year, - - - - - | 272 99 |
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| | \$954 53 |

During the year we have issued Part III of the Reprint of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, bringing the minutes down to Dec. 3, 1804. The Committee are under obligations to Lodge No. 51, for furnishing the Committee for Part III with a steel plate engraving of Right Worshipful Brother JOHN THOMSON, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary, &c.

The Committee are now engaged in preparing for the press Part IV, which they expect to have ready for delivery early in the coming year.

We have also published the Catalogue of the Masonic books in the Library, which now comprises over 1500 bound volumes, not including a large miscellaneous library.

We have received from Brother ROBERT E. PATTERSON, a

living "Acacia," a tree whose name is as familiar as household words, but whose reality very few Masons have ever seen. The tree will be placed in the Library at an early day.

We have also received from Brother GEORGE F. FORT, two stones bearing Masons' marks, one being from the Abbey at Shelby, and the other from York Minster.

Donations have been received from the following Brethren:

R. W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins,

" " John Thomson.

" " Michael Nisbet,

" " E. Coppée Mitchell,

Bro. E. H. Hults,

" A. R. Hall,

" D. F. Dealy,

" Fred. A. Yard,

" H. G. Clark,

" J. H. Drummond,

" T. S. Parvin,

" T. B. Whytehead,

" Wm. J. Hugan,

Bro. Robert S. Brown,

" T. S. Woodbury,

" Charles Mathews, Jr.,

" W. H. Ricker,

" George Griscom,

" J. L. Young,

" J. Bonsall,

" Charles T. McClenahan,

And a number of others.

Fraternaly submitted,

CHARLES E. MEYER,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,

JAS. S. BARBER,

EDWARD S. WYCKOFF,

WM. C. HAMILTON,

T. ESMONDE HARPER,

S. S. TALBOT,

Library Committee.

The Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication, held June 1st, 1881, A. L. 5881, to have charge of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, on the 24th day of June next, made the following report, which was read, when, on motion, the report was accepted and approved.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge :

The Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication, held June 1st, 1881, A. L. 5881, to have charge of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration on the 24th day of June next, respectfully report :

That the Committee met at the Temple on Tuesday, the 6th day of December, 1881, and effected a permanent organization by the choice of Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, as Chairman, and Brothers CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, of Lodge No. 67, and J. SIMPSON AFRICA, of Lodge No. 300, as Secretaries.

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, The Sesqui-Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be an event of such importance as to justify its celebration in a manner at once formal and brilliant ; and

WHEREAS, The entire Craft in Pennsylvania is interested in its observance, and should have opportunity to participate therein ; and

WHEREAS, The celebration will occur at a period of the year, the 24th day of June, when the weather is peculiarly favorable for an open-air demonstration, in connection with the in-door proceedings ; therefore,

Resolved, That the day be observed as follows :

1st. By the opening of the Grand Lodge and appropriate ceremonies therein.

2d. By a procession of the Craft.

3d. By proper ceremonies at the American Academy of Music, and

4th. By a banquet in the evening.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL B. DICK,

Chairman.

CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA,

J. SIMPSON AFRICA,

Secretaries.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was read, when, on motion, it was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following annual report of the Lodges and Membership of this jurisdiction, for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1880 :

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| The number of Lodges December 27, 1879, were, | - | 378 |
| Constituted in 1880, | - - - - - | 1 |
| | | <hr/> 379 |
| Admitted during the year, | - - - - - | 383 |
| Initiated " " | - - - - - | 1200 |
| Suspended and expelled during the year, | - - - - - | 962 |
| Resigned during the year, | - - - - - | 342 |
| Died " " | - - - - - | 434 |
| Membership, | - - - - - | 34,342 |

This statement of Membership does not include Lodges Nos. 106, 229, 249, 297 and 308, whose return of members do not agree with the numbers shown by the register of the Grand Lodge. Repeated efforts have been made to have the differences adjusted, but I regret to say, in consequence of dilatoriness on the part of the Secretaries (except in the case of No. 249), without success.

Their membership as shown by Grand Lodge register is as follows :

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| No. 106, | - - - - - | 142 |
| " 229, | - - - - - | 96 |
| " 249 | - - - - - | 149 |
| " 297, | - - - - - | 33 |
| " 308, | - - - - - | 74 |
| | | <hr/> 494 |

Which if correct, makes total members, Dec. 27, 1880, 34,836

Fraternally submitted,

MICHAEL NISBET,

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR 1880.

| NO. OF LODGE. | WHERE HELD. | TIME OF MEETING. | ADMITTED. | INITIATED. | SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED. | RESIGNED. | DIED. | TOTAL. |
|---------------|----------------------|--|-----------|------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| 2 | Philadelphia..... | Third Monday..... | | 3 | 6 | | 4 | 202 |
| 3 | Philadelphia..... | Third Tuesday..... | 2 | | 3 | 1 | 6 | 180 |
| 9 | Philadelphia..... | First Friday..... | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 180 |
| 19 | Philadelphia..... | First Thursday..... | | 6 | 6 | | 5 | 254 |
| 21 | Harrisburg..... | Second Monday | 1 | 4 | 4 | | 2 | 171 |
| 22 | Sunbury..... | Evening of or after F. M.... | 2 | 1 | 8 | | 1 | 95 |
| 25 | Bristol..... | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | | 6 | | 3 | 1 | 141 |
| 43 | Lancaster..... | Second Wednesday..... | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 263 |
| 45 | Pittsburgh..... | Last Wednesday..... | 2 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 183 |
| 51 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Thursday..... | | 3 | | | 4 | 213 |
| 52 | Philadelphia..... | First Monday..... | | 3 | 1 | | 4 | 160 |
| 59 | Philadelphia..... | Second Tuesday..... | 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 368 |
| 60 | Brownsville..... | First Monday..... | | 5 | | 1 | | 40 |
| 61 | Wilkesbarre..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 136 |
| 62 | Reading..... | First Monday..... | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 299 |
| 67 | Pailadelphia..... | Second Friday..... | | 2 | 3 | | 2 | 179 |
| 70 | Athens..... | Tues. on or bef. F. M., &... the 2d Tues. following.... | 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 84 |
| 71 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Wednesday..... | | | 7 | | 3 | 188 |
| 72 | Philadelphia..... | Third Thursday..... | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 255 |
| 75 | Phoenixville | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | | 2 | | | 2 | 149 |
| 81 | Philadelphia..... | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 2 | 5 | | 3 | 76 |
| 91 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Monday..... | 4 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 187 |
| 106 | Williamsport.. | First Monday..... | | | | | | |
| 108 | Towanda..... | First and Third Wed..... | 7 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 189 |
| 114 | Philadelphia..... | Third Friday..... | 2 | 3 | 7 | | 1 | 215 |
| 115 | Philadelphia..... | Second Monday..... | 1 | 10 | 1 | | 3 | 252 |
| 121 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | 2 | 2 | 11 | | 1 | 207 |
| 125 | Philadelphia..... | Second Wednesday..... | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 246 |
| 126 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Monday..... | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | | 188 |
| 130 | Philadelphia..... | Third Wednesday..... | 1 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 288 |
| 131 | Philadelphia..... | Second Monday..... | | 2 | 7 | 1 | | 100 |
| 134 | Philadelphia..... | Last week-day night..... | 3 | 5 | 2 | | 3 | 173 |
| 135 | Philadelphia..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 3 | | | 6 | 167 |
| 138 | Orwigsburg..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 54 |
| 143 | Chambersburg..... | Friday on or before F. M.... | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 82 |
| 144 | Lewisburg..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 58 |
| 152 | Easton..... | First Thursday after F. M.... | 1 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 193 |
| 153 | Waynesburg | Monday before F. M.... | 2 | | | 4 | | 54 |
| 155 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Tuesday..... | 2 | 2 | 15 | | 7 | 305 |
| 156 | Drumore Centre..... | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | 5 | 6 | | | 90 |
| 158 | Philadelphia..... | First Tuesday..... | | 3 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 395 |
| 163 | Monroeton..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | 6 | | | 1 | 40 |
| 164 | Washington..... | 1st and 3d Monday..... | 4 | 6 | 13 | 1 | | 47 |

| NO. OF LODGE. | WHERE HELD. | TIME OF MEETING. | ADMITTED. | INITIATED. | SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED. | RESIGNED. | DIED. | TOTAL. |
|---------------|---------------------|--|-----------|------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| 186 | Philadelphia..... | Second Wednesday..... | | 1 | 3 | | 3 | 324 |
| 187 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | | 5 | 5 | | 3 | 222 |
| 190 | Norristown..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 207 |
| 194 | Selin's Grove..... | Two evenings bef. F. M.... | 1 | | | | 2 | 82 |
| 197 | Carlisle..... | Second Tuesday..... | 1 | 5 | 3 | | | 56 |
| 199 | Lock Haven..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 152 |
| 203 | Lewistown..... | Second Tuesday..... | | 3 | | | | 96 |
| 211 | Philadelphia..... | First Friday..... | 3 | 7 | | | 5 | 331 |
| 216 | Pottsville..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | 2 | | 3 | 5 | 208 |
| 218 | Honesdale..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 125 |
| 219 | Pittsburgh..... | Second Thursday..... | 8 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 290 |
| 220 | Hollidaysburg..... | First Tuesday..... | 1 | 4 | | 1 | | 55 |
| 221 | Pittsburgh..... | First and Third Thursday... | | 5 | 4 | | 3 | 206 |
| 222 | Minersville..... | Tuesday before F. M.... | | 4 | | 1 | 1 | 80 |
| 223 | Allegheny City..... | Second Monday..... | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 137 |
| 224 | Danville..... | First Tuesday..... | 1 | 4 | | | 2 | 82 |
| 225 | Greensburg..... | Second Monday..... | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | 121 |
| 226 | Lebanon..... | Wed. on or before F. M.... | 1 | 4 | 3 | | 4 | 147 |
| 227 | Reading..... | First Tuesday..... | | 4 | | | 7 | 355 |
| 228 | Uniontown..... | Second Monday, | 3 | 3 | 8 | 3 | | 76 |
| 229 | Rochester..... | Friday on or before F. M.... | | | | | | |
| 230 | Philadelphia..... | Second Wednesday..... | 1 | | 3 | | 3 | 235 |
| 231 | Pittsburgh..... | Third Friday..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 83 |
| 232 | Jersey Shore..... | Friday before F. M.... | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 51 |
| 233 | Pittston..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 4 | 9 | | 2 | 146 |
| 234 | Meadville..... | First Thursday..... | 3 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 115 |
| 236 | Chester..... | Thursday on or bef. M.... | 3 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 185 |
| 237 | Beallsville..... | Wednesday before F. M.... | 1 | | 4 | | 2 | 40 |
| 238 | Tamaqua..... | Friday on or before F. M.... | 2 | 5 | | | 2 | 124 |
| 239 | Freeport..... | Fourth Monday..... | | | | | | |
| 240 | Montrose..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M., and two weeks afterwards.... | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | 145 |
| 241 | Warren..... | Wed. on or before F. M.... | 1 | 6 | 2 | | 3 | 94 |
| 242 | Mauch Chunk..... | Wed. on or before F. M.... | | 2 | | | 5 | 102 |
| 243 | New Castle..... | Friday or before F. M.... | 2 | 3 | 10 | | 1 | 90 |
| 244 | Kittanning..... | First Tuesday..... | 1 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 86 |
| 245 | Doylestown..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | | 3 | 2 | | | 177 |
| 246 | Philadelphia..... | Third Monday..... | | 10 | | 1 | 9 | 350 |
| 247 | Mansfield..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | | 6 | | 1 | 9 |
| 248 | Tunkhannock..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | 2 | 7 | | 2 | 104 |
| 249 | Carbondale..... | Wed. on or before F. M.... | | | | | | |
| 250 | Sharon..... | First and Third Friday..... | 2 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 128 |
| 252 | Fayette City..... | Monday before F. M.... | 2 | 1 | | | | 41 |
| 253 | Pittsburgh..... | Last Tuesday..... | | 5 | | | | 148 |
| 254 | Pottstown..... | Second Wednesday..... | 1 | 3 | 4 | | 4 | 143 |
| 255 | Shamokin..... | Friday on or before F. M.... | | 3 | 5 | 1 | | 68 |
| 256 | Milton..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | 2 | 7 | 3 | | 56 |
| 258 | Conneautville..... | First and Third Monday.... | | | | 3 | 1 | 78 |
| 259 | New Brighton..... | First Tuesday..... | 1 | 3 | 7 | 3 | | 40 |

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| 260 | Carlisle | Third Thursday..... | 4 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 79 |
| 261 | Providence..... | Fourth Thursday..... | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 76 |
| 262 | Orrstown..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M... | | | 4 | | | 26 |
| 263 | Laceyville | Tuesday on or bef. F. M... | 1 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 51 |
| 264 | Columbus | Thursday on or bef. F. M... | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 68 |
| 265 | Bloomsburg..... | Monday on or aft. F. M.... | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 98 |
| 266 | York | 1st Tues. after 1st Mon.... | | 2 | | 2 | | 116 |
| 267 | Tremont. | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | 5 | | | 1 | 89 |
| 268 | Bellefonte | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 4 | | | 3 | 103 |
| 269 | Birmingham | First and Third Friday..... | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 141 |
| 270 | Schuylkill Haven. | Friday on or before F. M.... | | 4 | | 1 | | 62 |
| 271 | Philadelphia..... | First Monday | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 180 |
| 272 | Butler..... | First Wednesday..... | 1 | 1 | | | | 59 |
| 273 | Ardmore..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | 4 | 4 | | 1 | 137 |
| 274 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Tuesday..... | | 3 | 7 | | 2 | 187 |
| 275 | Latrobe..... | First Monday..... | | 6 | 3 | | | 54 |
| 276 | Brookville | Second Monday..... | 2 | 1 | 13 | 1 | | 101 |
| 277 | Clarion..... | First Monday..... | 2 | 6 | 3 | 3 | | 105 |
| 278 | Johnstown..... | Second Tuesday..... | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 97 |
| 281 | Altoona..... | Third Tuesday..... | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 106 |
| 282 | Hollidaysburg..... | Monday on or aft. F. M.... | | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 62 |
| 283 | Bethlehem..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 111 |
| 284 | Catasauqua. | Friday on or bef. F. M.... | | 5 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 81 |
| 285 | St. Clair..... | Tuesday before F. M.... | | 6 | 10 | | | 83 |
| 286 | Columbia..... | First Thursday..... | | 5 | 3 | 1 | | 130 |
| 287 | Pittsburgh..... | Third Tuesday..... | | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 255 |
| 288 | Allegheny City..... | First Wednesday..... | | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 73 |
| 289 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Friday..... | 2 | 5 | 4 | | 1 | 133 |
| 290 | Greenville..... | 1st and 3d Monday..... | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 113 |
| 291 | Scranton..... | Third Friday..... | | 6 | | | | 150 |
| 292 | Philadelphia..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | 264 |
| 294 | Ashland..... | Second Thursday..... | 1 | 6 | 2 | | 1 | 113 |
| 295 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Wednesday..... | | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 227 |
| 296 | Philadelphia.. | Second Thursday..... | | 3 | 18 | 4 | 1 | 161 |
| 297 | Canonsburg..... | 2d and 4th Monday..... | | | | | | |
| 298 | Media | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | | | | | 79 |
| 299 | Muncy Borough..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M... | | 2 | | | | 56 |
| 300 | Huntingdon | Second Monday..... | | 5 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 125 |
| 301 | Waverly..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | | | 1 | | 40 |
| 302 | Mechanicsburg..... | First Monday..... | 1 | 7 | | | 3 | 102 |
| 303 | Titusville..... | 2d and 4th Tuesday..... | | 6 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 203 |
| 304 | Albion | 1st and 3d Tuesday..... | 1 | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 57 |
| 305 | Hawley..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | | 3 | 4 | | | 60 |
| 306 | Troy..... | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 10 | 13 | 1 | | 121 |
| 307 | Womelsdorf..... | First Thursday..... | | 3 | 15 | 2 | | 69 |
| 308 | Fort Washington.... | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | | | | | | |
| 309 | Downingtown..... | Friday on or before F. M.... | | | 5 | 1 | | 54 |
| 310 | Trappe..... | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | | 1 | 5 | | 1 | 59 |
| 311 | Mount Bethel..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | | 6 | | | 45 |

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| 312 | Ebensburg..... | Fourth Tuesday..... | 1 | 4 | | | | 44 |
| 313 | Indiana..... | Second Tuesday..... | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 56 |
| 314 | Clearfield..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 3 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 64 |
| 315 | Shippensburg..... | Second Friday..... | | | | | | 34 |
| 316 | Franklin..... | First and Third Monday.... | 1 | | 4 | 1 | | 107 |
| 317 | Wellsboro'..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 55 |
| 318 | Allegheny City..... | First Tuesday..... | 4 | 7 | 11 | | 1 | 164 |
| 319 | New Bloomfield..... | Wed. on or before F. M.... | | | | | | 55 |
| 320 | Bedford..... | Wed. on or before F. M.... | | 5 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 60 |
| 321 | East Liberty..... | Third Tuesday..... | 2 | 5 | | 1 | 1 | 91 |
| 322 | West Chester..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | | | 1 | 3 | 88 |
| 323 | Scranton..... | First Tuesday..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 118 |
| 324 | Mifflintown..... | Second Thursday..... | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 38 |
| 325 | Stroudsburg..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 3 | | | 2 | 118 |
| 326 | Trexlerstown..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | 4 | 2 | 9 | | 1 | 59 |
| 327 | Hazleton..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | 4 | 8 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 120 |
| 328 | Jackson..... | Wed. on or before F. M.... | | | | 1 | | 39 |
| 329 | Greensboro'..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | | | | | |
| 330 | Hamlington..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | 2 | 4 | | 1 | 63 |
| 331 | Ligonier..... | Friday before F. M.... | | 2 | | | | 26 |
| 332 | Plymouth..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | | 1 | 2 | | | 53 |
| 333 | Allentown..... | Friday on or before F. M.... | 1 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 131 |
| 334 | Bradford..... | Second & Fourth Monday.... | 10 | 14 | | 3 | 1 | 100 |
| 335 | Mountoursville..... | Wednesday before F. M.... | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 43 |
| 336 | Gettysburg..... | Sec. Thurs. of each month ending Sept., and Sec. and Fourth Wed. of all other months..... | 1 | 2 | 5 | | | 61 |
| 337 | Monongahela City.... | First Tuesday after F. M.... | 1 | 7 | 5 | | 1 | 96 |
| 338 | Great Bend..... | Thurs. on or bef. F. M., & two weeks after..... | 2 | 4 | 2 | | 1 | 72 |
| 339 | Hyde Park..... | First Monday.. .. | | 1 | 4 | 2 | | 139 |
| 340 | Green Tree..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | 3 | 7 | | | 112 |
| 341 | Factoryville..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | | | 3 | | 43 |
| 342 | Coudersport..... | Second and Fourth Wed.... | | 4 | | | 1 | 67 |
| 343 | Cochranville..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 111 |
| 344 | Milford..... | Wed. on or before F. M.... | | | 4 | | 1 | 47 |
| 345 | Scranton..... | Second Monday..... | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 89 |
| 346 | Connellville..... | Third Monday..... | | 6 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 78 |
| 347 | Girard..... | First Wednesday..... | 2 | 3 | | 4 | | 66 |
| 349 | Catawissa..... | Tuesday before F. M.... | | | 7 | | | 79 |
| 350 | Blossburg..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | 4 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 52 |
| 351 | Knoxville..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M.... | | 1 | | | | 25 |
| 352 | Chester..... | First Thursday after F. M.... | | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 92 |
| 353 | Oxford..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M.... | | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 74 |
| 354 | Shickshinny..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 48 |
| 355 | Blairsville..... | Second Thursday..... | | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 41 |
| 357 | Mahanoy City..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | 8 | | | 1 | 86 |
| 358 | Somerset..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | | | 10 | 3 | 1 | 77 |

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| 359 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Thursday..... | | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 109 |
| 360 | Susquehanna Depot.. | First Friday..... | 5 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 107 |
| 361 | Newville..... | Sec. and Fourth Thursday... | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 39 |
| 362 | Erie..... | First Friday..... | 1 | 7 | | 1 | 3 | 95 |
| 363 | Oil City..... | First and Third Friday..... | 7 | 6 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 108 |
| 364 | Millersburg..... | Second Tuesday..... | | 1 | | | 2 | 57 |
| 365 | Corry..... | First Tuesday..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 101 |
| 366 | Union City..... | First Friday..... | | | 4 | 4 | 2 | 54 |
| 367 | Reading..... | Third Thursday..... | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | 68 |
| 368 | Philadelphia..... | Third Tuesday..... | 2 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 105 |
| 369 | Philadelphia..... | Third Thursday..... | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | 175 |
| 370 | Mifflinburg..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | | 3 | 4 | 2 | | 31 |
| 371 | Thompsons town..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | 41 |
| 372 | Spantansburg..... | First Monday..... | | 1 | | | | 35 |
| 373 | Tioga..... | Third Thursday..... | | 1 | 15 | | | 18 |
| 374 | Allegheny City..... | First Thursday..... | 3 | 6 | | 2 | 1 | 107 |
| 375 | McKeesport..... | Second Tuesday..... | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | | 96 |
| 376 | McVeytown..... | Third Friday..... | | 2 | | 1 | | 31 |
| 377 | Kutztown..... | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | | 5 | | | 1 | 87 |
| 378 | Mount Carmel..... | Thursday before F. M.... | 2 | 4 | 2 | | | 34 |
| 379 | Ridgway..... | Sec. and Fourth Tuesday... | | 5 | | 3 | 1 | 136 |
| 380 | Philadelphia..... | First Tuesday..... | | 1 | | 5 | | 77 |
| 381 | Newport..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 38 |
| 382 | Emporium..... | Sec. & Fourth Wednesday... | | | | 4 | | 60 |
| 383 | Coatesville..... | Tuesday on or after F. M.... | 6 | 5 | 4 | | 5 | 64 |
| 384 | Philadelphia..... | Second Monday..... | | 6 | | | 1 | 95 |
| 385 | Philadelphia..... | First Thursday..... | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 151 |
| 386 | Philadelphia..... | Third Wednesday..... | 2 | 9 | 3 | | 1 | 242 |
| 387 | Dushore..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | | | | | | 41 |
| 388 | Smethport..... | Fourth Wednesday..... | 1 | 6 | 5 | 1 | | 47 |
| 389 | West Middlesex..... | Third Monday..... | 1 | | | 2 | | 25 |
| 390 | Pittsburgh..... | Second Thursday..... | 3 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 107 |
| 391 | Phillipsburg..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 71 |
| 392 | Erie..... | Second Tuesday..... | 7 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 119 |
| 393 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Tuesday..... | 1 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 188 |
| 395 | Kingston..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M.... | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 76 |
| 396 | Easton..... | Second Tuesday..... | 2 | 2 | | 2 | | 85 |
| 397 | Williamsport..... | First Tuesday..... | 2 | 6 | | 1 | | 64 |
| 398 | Marietta..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | 1 | | 2 | | 61 |
| 399 | North East..... | First & Third Wednesday... | 2 | 3 | | | 1 | 84 |
| 400 | Jenkintown..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | | 3 | | | | 92 |
| 401 | Watson town..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M.... | | 3 | | | 2 | 76 |
| 402 | Philadelphia..... | First Friday..... | 1 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 174 |
| 403 | Clarksville..... | Monday after F. M.... | | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 16 |
| 404 | Northumberland..... | Monday on or bef. F. M.... | | | | 1 | | 35 |
| 405 | Waynesburg..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 2 | | | | 39 |
| 406 | Hamburg..... | Second Tuesday..... | | | 2 | | 1 | 52 |
| 408 | Meadville..... | First Monday..... | 1 | 2 | | | | 43 |
| 409 | Pine Grove..... | First Monday..... | | 3 | | | | 54 |

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| 410 | Hatboro' | Wed. on or bef. F. M..... | | 1 | | 1 | | 71 |
| 411 | Darlington | Friday on or bef. F. M..... | | 3 | | | 1 | 45 |
| 412 | Tidioute | Second Tuesday..... | | | 6 | 1 | | 65 |
| 413 | Bath | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | 54 |
| 414 | Elysburg | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | | 1 | | | 1 | 34 |
| 415 | Canton | Tuesday on or before F. M. and 2 weeks afterwards... | 1 | | | 2 | | 73 |
| 416 | Edinboro'..... | Sec. and Fourth Tuesday.... | | | | 2 | 2 | 42 |
| 417 | Christiana..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 4 | | | | 54 |
| 418 | Rome | Sec. and Fourth Saturday... | 1 | | 6 | | | 37 |
| 419 | Philadelphia..... | Second Tuesday..... | | 6 | 8 | | 4 | 252 |
| 420 | Conshohocken | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | | 2 | | | 1 | 76 |
| 421 | Osceola | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | | | | | 18 |
| 423 | Shrewsbury | Second Thursday..... | 1 | 3 | | | | 37 |
| 424 | Jamestown..... | First and Third Friday..... | | 9 | 6 | 1 | | 61 |
| 425 | Waterford..... | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | 2 | 1 | 10 | | 1 | 52 |
| 426 | Cressona..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | | 2 | | 1 | | 47 |
| 427 | Newtown, Bucks Co. | Wed. on or before F. M.... | | 7 | | | 2 | 67 |
| 428 | Smithfield..... | Friday on or before F. M. and 2 weeks afterwards.... | | 5 | | | | 52 |
| 429 | Harmony..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | | 1 | 3 | | | 26 |
| 430 | Allegheny City..... | Fourth Thursday..... | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 122 |
| 431 | Saltsburg..... | First Tuesday..... | | | | | 1 | 22 |
| 432 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 104 |
| 433 | New Castle..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 95 |
| 434 | Sandy Lake..... | First Tuesday..... | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | 43 |
| 435 | Reading..... | First Friday..... | 1 | 8 | | | 1 | 142 |
| 436 | Philadelphia..... | Sec. Tuesday—2 P. M..... | 1 | 4 | 5 | | | 132 |
| 437 | Apollo..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M.... | | 3 | 1 | 3 | | 39 |
| 438 | Nicholson..... | First Wednesday..... | | 3 | | | | 35 |
| 439 | Clifford | Monday bef. F. M..... | | | 6 | | | 27 |
| 440 | Slatington..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | | 3 | | | 31 |
| 441 | Philadelphia..... | Third Friday | | 4 | | | 1 | 210 |
| 442 | Wilkes-Barre..... | Wednesday on or after F. M. | 3 | | 7 | 2 | 1 | 74 |
| 443 | Green Castle..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | | | 2 | | 31 |
| 444 | Philadelphia..... | Third Tuesday..... | 10 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 83 |
| 445 | Harford | Wednesday on and after F. M. | | | 4 | 1 | | 15 |
| 446 | Upper Uwchlan..... | Monday before F. M..... | | | | | 1 | 32 |
| 447 | Claysville | First and Third Tuesday.... | | | 1 | | 1 | 16 |
| 448 | Sharpsburg..... | Second Thursday..... | | 1 | | | | 76 |
| 449 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | 1 | 8 | 2 | | 2 | 114 |
| 450 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Wednesday..... | 2 | 1 | 4 | | 3 | 121 |
| 451 | York | First Monday..... | | 1 | | 1 | | 36 |
| 453 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | 1 | 7 | 8 | 3 | | 102 |
| 454 | Burgettstown..... | Second and Fourth Friday... | | 1 | | 2 | | 50 |
| 455 | Erie..... | Third Friday..... | 1 | 8 | | | 2 | 65 |
| 456 | Philadelphia..... | Second Tuesday..... | | 2 | | | 2 | 142 |
| 457 | Beaver | Thursday on or before F. M. | 1 | | | | | 60 |
| 458 | Marysville | Fourth Tuesday..... | | 4 | | | 2 | 48 |

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| 459 | Masontown..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 1 | | | | 27 |
| 460 | Orangeville..... | Tuesday on and after F. M.. | | | | 1 | | 33 |
| 461 | Greenfield..... | Third Monday..... | 1 | 2 | | | | 27 |
| 462 | Berwick..... | Friday on or aft. F. M..... | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 63 |
| 463 | Titusville..... | First and Third Monday.... | 5 | 4 | | 6 | 2 | 105 |
| 464 | Harrisburg..... | Third Thursday..... | 4 | 2 | | | 1 | 105 |
| 465 | York Springs..... | Third Monday..... | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 27 |
| 466 | Olyphant..... | Friday on or bef. F. M..... | | | 2 | | | 43 |
| 467 | White Haven..... | Sec. and Fourth Monday.... | | 2 | | | | 55 |
| 468 | Wyoming..... | Friday on or bef. F. M..... | | 2 | | | 1 | 26 |
| 469 | Coopersburg..... | Tuesday on or bef F. M..... | | 4 | 1 | | | 38 |
| 470 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Thursday..... | 2 | 4 | 1 | | 2 | 70 |
| 471 | LeRaysville..... | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 45 |
| 472 | Pleasant Mount..... | Saturday on or bef. F. M.... | | | 2 | | 1 | 20 |
| 473 | Cambridge..... | Second and Fourth Friday.... | | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 79 |
| 474 | Ashley..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M..... | | 3 | | 3 | | 64 |
| 475 | Kennett Square..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | | 4 | | | 3 | 84 |
| 476 | Lancaster..... | First Monday..... | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | 79 |
| 477 | Westfield..... | Saturday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 53 |
| 478 | Beaver Falls..... | Sec. and Fourth Monday.... | 2 | 2 | | | | 51 |
| 479 | Morgantown..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M.... | | 2 | | 1 | | 31 |
| 480 | New Washington.... | Tuesday on or bef F. M..... | | | | | | 56 |
| 481 | Philadelphia..... | First Thursday..... | 1 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 243 |
| 482 | Philadelphia..... | First Tuesday..... | 1 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 130 |
| 483 | Rouseville..... | First & Third Wednesday.... | 5 | 4 | | 4 | | 62 |
| 484 | Pittsburgh..... | Second Monday..... | 1 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 145 |
| 485 | Smith's Ferry..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M..... | | 3 | | | | 35 |
| 486 | Middletown..... | Monday on or bef. F. M..... | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | 40 |
| 487 | Philadelphia..... | Third Monday..... | | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 99 |
| 488 | Independence..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M. | | | | 2 | | 17 |
| 489 | Allegheny City..... | Second Wednesday..... | | 2 | 2 | | | 51 |
| 490 | Altoona..... | First Tuesday..... | | 4 | 2 | 1 | | 69 |
| 491 | Philadelphia..... | Third Wednesday..... | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 82 |
| 492 | Milroy..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | | | | | 22 |
| 493 | Philadelphia..... | Second Monday..... | 2 | 9 | 2 | | 2 | 177 |
| 494 | Tyrone..... | Third Monday..... | | 2 | 4 | | 1 | 48 |
| 495 | Renova..... | First Tuesday..... | | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 48 |
| 496 | Safe Harbor..... | Friday on or bef. F. M..... | | 2 | 3 | | | 46 |
| 498 | Linesville..... | First and Third Tuesday.... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 41 |
| 499 | West Pittston..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 55 |
| 500 | Philadelphia..... | Third Wednesday..... | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | 152 |
| 501 | Pleasantville..... | First and Third Monday.... | 2 | | | 3 | | 52 |
| 502 | Tarentum..... | Friday before F. M..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | 22 |
| 503 | Wrightsville..... | Third Monday..... | | 6 | | | | 28 |
| 504 | Moscow..... | Friday on or bef. F. M..... | | | | | | 35 |
| 505 | Port Allegany..... | First Tuesday..... | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 38 |
| 506 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | | 2 | | | 2 | 72 |
| 507 | New Milford..... | Second Wednesday..... | | | | | | 32 |
| 508 | Pittsburgh..... | First Friday..... | 1 | 4 | | 2 | | 95 |

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| 509 | Pittsburgh..... | Second Friday..... | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | 65 |
| 510 | Braddock's Field.... | Third Tuesday..... | | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 57 |
| 511 | Shenandoah | Wed. bef. F. M..... | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 64 |
| 512 | Quakertown | Thursday on or bef. F. M. . . | | 2 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 55 |
| 513 | Temperanceville..... | First Tuesday..... | | 6 | | | | 54 |
| 514 | New Freeport..... | Friday before F. M..... | | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 36 |
| 515 | Osceola Mills..... | Second Monday..... | 2 | 2 | | | | 36 |
| 516 | Danville..... | First Tuesday..... | | 3 | | | | 45 |
| 517 | Sharpsville. | First and Third Monday.... | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | | 31 |
| 518 | Greensburg | Third Tuesday..... | | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 45 |
| 519 | Philadelphia | Third Thursday..... | | 7 | 3 | | 1 | 99 |
| 520 | St. Petersburg..... | First Thursday..... | | 4 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 59 |
| 521 | Parker City..... | First Monday..... | 1 | 3 | | 6 | | 73 |
| 522 | New Bethlehem..... | First Wednesday..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 26 |
| 523 | Jermyn..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M. . . . | | | | | | 29 |
| 524 | Everett Borough.... | Friday on or bef. F. M. | | 6 | | | | 40 |
| 525 | Allegheny City..... | Third Monday | | 4 | | 1 | | 86 |
| 526 | Elizabeth..... | Wednesday before F. M..... | | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 38 |
| 527 | Philadelphia..... | Third Wednesday..... | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1 | | 125 |
| 528 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Wednesday..... | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | 61 |
| 529 | Philadelphia..... | First Thursday..... | 1 | 4 | 9 | | | 108 |
| 530 | Bellevue..... | Third Monday..... | | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 31 |
| 531 | Dallas..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M. . . . | | 1 | | | | 23 |
| 532 | Driftwood..... | Friday on or bef. F. M. | 1 | 2 | | | | 52 |
| 533 | Wattsburg..... | First and Third Saturday.... | | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 30 |
| 534 | Punxsutawney..... | First Tuesday. | | | 4 | 1 | | 35 |
| 535 | Pittsburgh..... | Third Monday | | 2 | | | 3 | 43 |
| 536 | Reynoldsville..... | Fourth Thursday | | 2 | | | | 35 |
| 537 | Centre Hall..... | Monday on or bef. F. M. | | 1 | | 1 | | 30 |
| 538 | Johnstown..... | Fourth Monday. | 1 | 6 | | | 1 | 53 |
| 539 | Woodbury..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M. . . . | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| 540 | Petrolia..... | Wed. on or bef. F. M. | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | | 79 |
| 541 | Nanticoke..... | Thurs. on or after F. M..... | | 4 | 1 | | | 36 |
| 542 | Waymart..... | Tuesday before F. M..... | | 6 | | | 1 | 30 |
| 543 | Fernwood..... | Friday on or bef. F. M..... | | 1 | | | | 91 |
| 544 | Mansfield..... | Monday on or bef. F. M. | | 8 | | | 1 | 49 |
| 545 | New London..... | Monday on or bef. F. M..... | | 3 | | | | 28 |
| 546 | Pittsburgh..... | First Thursday..... | 2 | 5 | | | | 56 |
| 547 | Sugar Grove..... | Friday on or bef. F. M..... | 2 | 20 | | | 1 | 50 |
| 548 | Verona..... | Tuesday on or bef. F. M..... | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | 21 |
| 549 | Reading..... | Fourth Thursday..... | | 3 | | | | 28 |
| 550 | Edenburg | First and Third Tuesday.... | | 7 | | 5 | 1 | 55 |
| 551 | Mount Joy..... | Friday on or bef. F. M..... | 1 | 3 | | | | 35 |
| 552 | Emlenton. | Second & Fourth Monday.... | | 3 | | | | 36 |
| 553 | Spring City..... | Thursday on or bef. F. M..... | | 3 | | | | 53 |
| 554 | Meyersdale..... | Monday on or before F. M. . . | 2 | 4 | | | 1 | 29 |
| 555 | Duke Centre..... | Tuesday of each week..... | 6 | 35 | | | | 54 |

Brother GEORGE S. GRAHAM offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, in Quarterly Communication assembled, That we do hereby earnestly protest against the proposed location of what is known as "The Elevated Railroad" upon Filbert street, adjacent to the Masonic Temple at Broad street, because in our judgment it will destroy the architectural beauty of a structure that is a permanent ornament to the City of Philadelphia, and which belongs to the Fraternity, not only in our city, but in the State; and also, because it will impair and be a permanent injury to the usefulness of the building itself, and be an unqualified injustice to those who have labored earnestly and zealously to rear this structure, not only for the use of the Fraternity, but to remain for centuries as a thing of beauty in the adornment of our city. And further,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be certified by the Grand Secretary to the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

A petition for a Warrant for a Lodge to be held at DuBois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, was received, and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The Grand Secretary reported that Lodges Nos. 249, 376, 411, 418 and 439, reported at the June Communication as being suspended for want of returns as per section 17, p. 48, Ahiman Rezon, had since made their return, and were revived as per section 18, p. 49, Ahiman Rezon.

The Grand Secretary also reported that Lodges

No. 273, 329, 376, 463, 492, 507, 514 and 533 being in arrears with the Grand Lodge for two years' dues, and having been duly notified thereof in accordance with the Ahiman Rezon, section 19, p. 49, now stand suspended.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 7 o'clock 30 minutes, P. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27, A. D. 1881, A. L. 5881.

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P R E S E N T :

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| Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
| “ CONRAD B. DAY, | - | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| “ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | - | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ JOSEPH EICHBAUM, | - | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ THOMAS R. PATTON, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| “ MICHAEL NISBET, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| “ CHARLES H. KINGSTON, | | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i> |
| “ OSCAR R. MEYERS, | - | <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| “ SAMUEL J. DICKEY, | - | <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| “ JAS. W. ROBINS, D.D., | } | <i>Grand Chaplains.</i> |
| “ WM. B. WOOD, D.D., | | |
| “ J. S. J. McCONNELL, | | |
| “ JACOB F. QUILLMAN, | } | <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| “ ALEX. M. LLOYD, | | |
| “ SAMUEL W. BROAD- | } | <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| BENT, | | |
| “ THOS. S. WOODBURY, | | |
| “ GEORGE W. WOOD, | - | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| “ LOUIS M. CHASTEAU, | - | <i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i> |
| “ HENRY H. HAYNES, | - | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| “ HARRISON G. CLARK, | - | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |

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| Bro. JOHN THOMSON, - | } | <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i> |
| “ RICHARD VAUX, - | | |
| “ SAMUEL C. PERKINS, | | |
| “ MICHAEL NISBET, - | | |
| R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. RICHARD VAUX, | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Ala- bama, Texas, Minnesota, Washington Territory and Colon and Cuba.</i> |
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| R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Louisiana.</i> |
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| R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Caro- lina.</i> |
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| R. W. Bro. CONRAD B. DAY, | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i> |
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| R. W. Bro. E. COPPÉE MIT- CHELL, - - - - - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i> |
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| Bro. MICHAEL ARNOLD, - - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i> |
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| “ CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.</i> |
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| “ CHARLES E. MEYER, | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i> |
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| “ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i> |
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| “ JOHN CURTIS, - - - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i> |
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| “ WM. B. HACKENBURG, | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Is- land, &c.</i> |
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Fifty-eight Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock 20 minutes, A. M.

A communication was received and read from the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York, informing this Grand Lodge of the death of R. W. JAMES M. AUSTIN, M.D., Grand Secretary.

Whereupon Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania having heard of the death of Right Worshipful Brother JAMES M. AUSTIN, M.D., Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York, tenders to the Craft of that Masonic Jurisdiction its deep regret at the loss it has sustained in the death of a tried, true and faithful Masonic officer of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Grand Lodge of New York.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the minutes of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary reported that Lodges Nos. 273, 376, 463, 514 and 533 had paid up all their arrearages, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the respective suspensions of said Lodges be and the same are hereby removed.

Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That Grand Lodge has heard with deep regret of the death, on the 23d inst., of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master ALFRED R. POTTER.

Resolved, That we hereby record our willing testimony

to his worth as a man and a citizen, his faithfulness and devotion to the interests of the Fraternity, and to the dignity, efficiency and wisdom of his administration as Grand Master of this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be requested to have a memorial sketch of the Masonic life and character of our deceased Brother, to be presented at the next Communication of Grand Lodge and entered upon the minutes.

Resolved, That Grand Lodge Room and the Jewels of the Grand Officers be draped in mourning for three months.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions and of the memorial sketch be sent to the family of Brother POTTER, with the assurance of our fraternal sympathy in their bereavement.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother SAMUEL B. DICK requested Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS to prepare the memorial sketch of our late Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ALFRED R. POTTER.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, having fully stated to Grand Lodge that Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, of the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York, had initiated a person by the name of Th. Tobias who was rejected by Allegheny Lodge, No. 223, in this jurisdiction, and had refused to take action on the request and evidence presented to a committee of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, to show that the person so initiated by it had been rejected in Pennsylvania; Right Worshipful Past Grand Mas-

ter Brother RICHARD VAUX offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be requested to issue his edict forbidding any of the Lodges of the Craft in Pennsylvania from receiving said member of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, as a visitor.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS suggested that he should also prohibit any Lodge in this jurisdiction from receiving as a visitor any member of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, as aforesaid, which addition was accepted ; whereupon Brother Louis Wagner suggested to add that the Right Worshipful Grand Master forbid any member hailing from a Lodge in Pennsylvania visiting Shakespeare Lodge, and to transmit this action of Grand Lodge in the premises to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York.

These suggestions having been accepted, the resolution of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master VAUX, as amended, was unanimously adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be requested to issue his edict prohibiting any Lodge in this jurisdiction from receiving as a visitor any member of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York, and that he also forbid any member hailing from a Lodge in Pennsylvania visiting said Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, and that he transmit this action of Grand Lodge in the premises to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted their report, which was referred to the Grand Officers,

with power to print, and the following resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hereby extends to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland of F. & A. M., its fraternal Masonic recognition.

Resolved, That as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodges of F. & A. M. of Missouri and New Mexico have adjusted the cause of their Masonic estrangement, and cordially united in Masonic intercourse, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hereby extends to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico the assurance of its gratification, and offers her Masonic recognition as a Sovereign Grand Lodge, within her Masonic jurisdiction.

REPORT OF ALMONERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity fund respectfully present the following summary of their operations during the past year:

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| Received from Trustees for use of Class No. 1, | - | \$1,100 | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ 2, | - | 600 | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ 3, | - | 600 | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ 4, | - | 1,185 | 00 |
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| | | | \$3,485 00 |
| Relief was granted upon 271 applications, amount- | | | |
| ing in the aggregate to | - - - - | | 3,130 00 |
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| Leaving a balance on hand of | - - - - | | \$355 00 |

The applicants hailed from the following jurisdictions:

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| Pennsylvania, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 246 |
| Virginia, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11 |
| South Carolina, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Delaware, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Louisiana, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Missouri, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| North Carolina, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Michigan, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Ireland, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Total, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 271 |

In the discharge of their duties, the Almoners have endeavored to distribute the fund entrusted to them in such a manner that the greatest amount of good might be accomplished with it, and while they have in all cases exercised a careful discrimination in granting relief, they feel assured that no worthy applicant has been sent away empty.

During the year the Destroying Angel has been active in our midst, and summoned from among us three of our most faithful members. We mourn the loss of these Brethren and will long hold dear the memory of them.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. STULB,

President Almoners Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27, 1881.

REPORT OF THE STEWARDS OF STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

The Stewards of the "Stephen Girard Charity Fund" made the following report, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The undersigned, on behalf of the Stewards of the "Stephen Girard Charity Fund," submits the following re-

port of their proceedings for the year ending December 27th, 1881:

Balance on hand December 27, 1880, as per last report, \$302 00

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| Amount appropriated to Class No. 1, | - | \$700 00 |
| “ “ “ 2, | - | 700 00 |
| “ “ “ 3, | - | 700 00 |
| “ “ “ 4, | - | 900 00 |

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| Total amount appropriated by Grand Lodge, | 3,000 00 |
| Oct. 5, 1881, Returned from amount granted to a Brother, March 10, 1881, - - - - - | 17 10 |
| | <u>\$3,319 10</u> |

In the performance of their official duty, the Stewards have granted relief to two hundred and fifteen poor and respectable Brethren, to wit:

To 196 hailing under this Jurisdiction, - - - \$2,950 00

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| “ 19 “ “ other Jurisdictions, viz: | |
| “ 1 “ “ Kansas, - - - | \$15 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ North Carolina, - - | 15 00 |
| “ 2 “ “ London, England, - | 25 00 |
| “ 2 “ “ Iowa, - - - | 30 00 |
| “ 2 “ “ Texas, - - - | 55 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ Melbourne, Victoria, - | 10 00 |
| “ 2 “ “ New York, - - - | 25 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ New Jersey, - - - | 10 00 |
| “ 3 “ “ Massachusetts, - - - | 45 00 |
| “ 3 “ “ South Carolina, - - - | 45 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ Nassau, - - - | 15 00 |

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| | <u>290 00</u> |
| Balance remaining December 27, 1881, - - - | 79 10 |
| | <u>\$3,319 10</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. WOODWARD,

President of Stewards.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, delivered the following address:

BRETHREN :

As has been said by some of my predecessors, who have so ably filled the high and honorable position of Grand Master in this jurisdiction, "There is no law laid down in the Ahiman Rezon requiring the Grand Master to make report of his action throughout the year." Usage and Custom, however, have sanctioned it, and as all our teachings are that Landmarks can not be impaired, neither should Usage and Custom be set aside ill-advisedly, or without such change of circumstances as might make it indispensably necessary for the well-being and maintenance of the Craft.

In accordance, therefore, with "Usage and Custom" I herewith render an account of my stewardship.

One year since, through the kind partiality of my Brethren, I assumed the duties of Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

Reflecting on the great zeal, wisdom and fidelity, shown by my predecessors in office, and the care, skill and capacity with which they governed the Craft, I assumed the duties imposed on me as your Grand Master, with the full sense of the responsibility appertaining thereto, and invoked the Divine assistance of the Supreme Being, to guide and direct me in all

my works and doings, that the Craft might not suffer for true Masonic light and knowledge.

The year just closed has been one of harmony throughout the jurisdiction, and our relations with our sister Grand Lodges have been of the most cordial and fraternal nature.

On the 7th of June, in company with the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Brother CONRAD B. DAY, the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, Brother THOMAS R. PATTON, and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother MICHAEL NISBET, I attended the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of New York, at the Academy of Music in that city. The stage of this vast edifice was occupied by prominent Brethren from various portions of the country, and the exercises, especially the address of the Grand Master, were replete with matters of interest to the Craft.

Our thanks are especially due Brother EDWARD L. GAUL, Grand Marshal, for the zeal he displayed in looking after our social enjoyment after the close of the proceedings at the Academy of Music.

On the morning of the 8th of June, we paid a formal visit to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York during their session, and were received with "Grand Honors."

On the 18th of October, on the invitation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Virginia, Brother PEYTON S. COLES, I acted as Junior Grand Warden,

and assisted him in laying the Corner-stone of the National Monument at Yorktown, Virginia, designed to commemorate the surrender of Lord Cornwallis to our illustrious Brother, Gen. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The ceremony was witnessed by His Excellency the President of the United States, and his Cabinet, and a vast assemblage of Masons, and was conducted in a manner reflecting great credit on the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

On the 24th of June, at the request of the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church (Episcopal), I laid the corner-stone of the new Memorial Church at Danville, Pa., assisted by the Grand Officers and members of following subordinate Lodges : Nos. 22, 61, 62, 106, 144, 194, 203, 216, 224, 227, 238, 256, 265, 299, 332, 338, 349, 397, 401, 406, 435, 499, 511 and 516. Total, 24 Lodges. In addition there were 36 other Lodges represented by individual members.

This was a peculiarly pleasant Masonic occasion.

The corner-stone of the old church was laid with Masonic ceremonies 53 years previously, by our venerable and esteemed Brother, Judge WM. DONALDSON, assisted by the Rev. Brother PIGGOT, who was then the pastor of the church, acting as Grand Chaplain. These two venerable Brethren were present and participated in the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new edifice.

In the evening we held a Grand Lodge of Instruc-

tion in Lodge No. 516, which was largely attended by the members of that Lodge and visiting Brethren.

The Grand Lodge was most kindly and hospitably received, and the occasion will be long remembered by those participating.

On the 23d of May I issued a Dispensation to Mahoning Lodge, No. 243, at New Castle, Pa., authorizing them to lay the corner-stone of a Methodist church, June 24th. On the 31st of August I issued a Dispensation to District Deputy Grand Master, Brother ALEX. M. LLOYD, authorizing him to lay the corner-stone of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, at Altoona, September 3d. On the 22d of September I issued a Dispensation to R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Brother CONRAD B. DAY, authorizing him to lay the corner-stone of Ridge Avenue Independent Methodist Church, in this city, September 25th. All of which were done with proper Masonic ceremonies.

These frequent requests to perform ceremonies of this nature, show the high esteem in which the Craft is held throughout the jurisdiction, and doubtless will prove beneficial to the Craft in their several localities.

On the 9th of November, in company with most of the Grand Officers, I started on a tour of Grand Visitations, viz.: at Harrisburg, November 9th, where I had summoned District Deputy Grand Masters, Brothers MUENCH, BOBB, SHEARER and CLARK, and the Officers of the following Lodges : Nos. 21, 197,

226, 260, 266, 302, 315, 319, 361, 364, 381, 451, 458, 464 and 486.

We found the Officers zealous in the performance of their duties, and willing to learn.

The instruction they received will no doubt prove beneficial.

The Work as exemplified by the Officers of these several Lodges, reflects credit on the District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as the Brethren.

On the 10th, at Altoona, we met District Deputy Grand Master Brother ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, and the Officers of the following Lodges: Nos. 220, 278, 281, 282, 300, 490, 494 and 558. Lodges Nos. 312, 320, 524 and 539, failed to appear and have since been called to account for not obeying the Summons of the Grand Master.

The Craft at this point are to be commended for their zeal and fidelity to the Grand Lodge, and their sincere desire to conform to all its regulations.

On the 11th, at Greensburgh, District Deputy Grand Masters Brothers CLARK F. WARDEN and WM. CHATLAND, and the following Lodges: Nos. 225, 228, 275, 313, 331, 346, 355, 431 and 518. District Deputy Grand Master WARDEN, and Lodge 459, failing to appear.

The Grand Master regrets to say, that the condition of these Lodges was not at all satisfactory, and has fully demonstrated to him the necessity of a

change in those appointed to diffuse proper Masonic light and knowledge, and I trust in future to hear of the much needed improvement in their condition.

The Grand Master was pleased to see, as one of the good effects of this visitation, that a number of the Officers of Lodges above referred to, attended the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, December 7, and remained long enough to obtain the much needed instruction.

On the 12th, at Pittsburgh, we were received with a kindness and Brotherly affection that could not be excelled. The Lodges, though not regularly summoned, appeared in greater numbers than their spacious Hall would hold. The work was exemplified by District Deputy Grand Master SHIDLE, assisted by Brothers HARPER, CARSON and BALMAIN, in a most pleasing and thorough manner.

On the 14th, at New Castle, District Deputy Grand Master Brother M. H. HENDERSON, and the following Lodges: Nos. 229, 243, 250, 259, 389, 433, 478, 485 and 517. Lodges 411 and 457 failing to appear.

The Craft at this point showed they had profited by the instruction received from their District Deputy Grand Master. Some of the work was done with great accuracy, and such corrections as were necessary to be made were received kindly by the Officers.

On the 15th, at Meadville, District Deputy Grand Masters NEEDHAM and HENDERSON, and the Officers

of the following Lodges : Nos. 234, 258, 290, 303, 372, 408, 424, 463, 473 and 498.

The Officers at this point were not as proficient in the work as the Grand Master had hoped, and there is abundant room for improvement, which he trusts will take place in the near future.

The Grand Officers were received with that kind and fraternal feeling and hospitality which has ever characterized the Brethren of this locality.

On the 16th, at Franklin, the Grand Officers were engaged in a manner which is elsewhere referred to.

On the 17th, at the same place, we met District Deputy Grand Masters Brothers MEREDITH, HENDERSON and CLAPP. District Deputy Grand Master Brother CHAS. W. MACKEY being unable to attend, by reason of the action of the Grand Master on the day previous, which he was in no wise responsible for, and which is elsewhere referred to, and the Officers of Lodges Nos. 277, 316, 363, 412, 434, 483, 501, 520, 540, 550, 552 and 557. All the Officers summoned having appeared or been excused.

The Grand Officers were greatly pleased with the proficiency shown by the Officers here assembled.

On the 18th, at Erie, District Deputy Grand Masters Brothers WADSWORTH, CLAPP, HENDERSON and MEREDITH, and Officers of Lodges Nos. 241, 264, 304, 347, 362, 365, 392, 399, 455, 533 and 547. Lodges Nos. 366, 416 and 425 failing to appear.

The work as exemplified by these several Officers was in the main well done, and with but few exceptions was fully up to the standard.

The Grand Officers throughout the entire visitation, lasting twelve days, were everywhere received with that fraternal feeling, and generous hospitality which characterizes the Craft in this jurisdiction, and their many acts of kindness and courtesy will long be remembered by the Grand Master and those who accompanied him on this Grand Visitation.

One thing, however, has been fully demonstrated, viz., the necessity of a more careful perusal of the law of the Craft, as laid down in the "Ahiman Rezon," which will prevent many errors in the conduct of the Lodges.

At different points some of the Officers of Lodges duly summoned failed to appear or send reasonable excuses, which would be visited with severe punishment were it not for the fact, that it was caused by ignorance of their duty.

The Grand Master's summons, under his private seal, is not to be lightly regarded, but to be strictly obeyed unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable occurrence.

We trust in future we may have no cause of complaint on that score.

I now conclude our account of this Grand Visitation, which has proven to have been one of the most

successful ones ever made by the Grand Officers, having held 'Lodges of Instruction at all the various points; working from four to six hours each day in correcting errors, deciding points of law, administering such fraternal advice and instruction as seemed necessary, that it cannot but prove beneficial to all those who participated therein.

During the coming year it is our purpose to continue these visitations to localities not visited at this time.

In September last the Grand Master received charges made by a member of Lodge No. 316, against its Officers and members, of so grave and serious a nature that I at once directed District Deputy Grand Master Brother CHAS. W. MACKAY, to take possession of their Warrant until opportunity offered to make an investigation of the charges.

On the 16th of November, accompanied by Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Brother E. COPPÉE MITCHELL; Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Brother JOSEPH EICHBAUM; Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, Brother THOMAS R. PATTON; Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother MICHAEL NISBET, and Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother RICHARD VAUX, together with such of the appointed officers of the Grand Lodge who were accompanying me on my Grand Visitation, I proceeded to investigate the charges, the Officers and members of

Lodge No. 316 having been duly summoned to appear.

A number of witnesses were examined, but on examination of the records of the Lodge, having proven the more serious charge, I declined to receive any further testimony, and took possession of the Warrant.

On our return to Philadelphia, after due consideration and consultation with the Elective Grand Officers, and taking into consideration the fact that the Worshipful Master was not present when the offence was committed, nor the District Deputy Grand Master, who was also a member of the Lodge, and but few of the members, and being further convinced that the error was through gross ignorance of the Law, and they having expressed great contrition therefor, I decided to temper "Justice with Mercy," and restored their Warrant in time to hold their annual election for officers, with a severe reprimand, and issued an Edict setting all their unlawful proceedings aside.

It having come to our knowledge, that Lodge No. 249, was in the habit of receiving and acting on petitions, without first complying with the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, which requires inquiry to be made of the Grand Secretary, to ascertain whether there was anything on the records against them, I wrote the Worshipful Master, instructing him to

have his Lodge make formal application to the Grand Lodge, to heal their irregularities and warning him to desist from such conduct in future. He not having evinced a proper disposition to comply with my instructions, I directed the District Deputy Grand Master to visit the Lodge, and unless the said instruction were complied with, forthwith, to take possession of their Warrant and report to me.

The District Deputy Grand Master having visited the Lodge and made known his instructions, the Lodge complied with my orders.

A decision having been asked, whether a non-resident of the jurisdiction, who was a member of a Lodge within it, can be elected to an office in a Lodge, I have decided he can not. As the "Ahiman Rezon" declares a removal from the jurisdiction vacates an office. So it must necessarily follow that a non-resident is not eligible to office.

The number of Lodges in the jurisdiction, at the last General Report, was 379. Since which time Lodges Nos. 556 and 557, have been constituted, making the present number 381. A Warrant has been granted to constitute Lodge No. 558, and an application for another Warrant is now pending.

The detailed report of the workings of the subordinate Lodges will be found at length in the Grand Secretary's report, published with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the current year.

I have appointed Brother DIXIE H. ROSS Representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

In October last I received an urgent appeal for relief, from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, for the sufferers by the disastrous fire which ravaged a large part of his jurisdiction.

I immediately issued a circular letter to the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction, suggesting contributions for their relief, which was generously responded to.

The sum of \$4327.07 has been received by the Grand Secretary, of which Fifty Dollars was remitted by my direction to a Brother of Pennsylvania, residing in Michigan, and the balance, \$4277.07 was remitted to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of that jurisdiction. A list of the contributors and the amounts of their contributions, will be published in the printed proceedings.

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund, by the report of the Trustees, shows an investment of \$69,700, in the Masonic Temple Loan of this Grand Lodge. By your resolution of last year, the entire income of which has been paid over to the almoners for disbursement, the details of which appears in their report.

The Girard Bequest, by the report of its Trustees, shows no change in investments. The Fund remaining at \$60,900. Of the income, \$3000 was paid to

the Stewards, and disbursed by them, the details of which will be found in their report.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is a source of congratulation to the Brethren.

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| The balance in the Treasury, Nov. 15, was | . \$12,837 05 |
| Since received, | 20,146 09 |
| | <hr/> \$32,983 14 |
| Paid Orders, | 3,026 56 |
| | <hr/> Leaving balance in Treasury, December 26th, . \$29,956 58 |

Being nearly enough cash on hand to pay the interest due March 1st; two months in advance of its requirement.

Reference to the report of the Finance Committee of 1880, shows that in 1875 our debt had reached its maximum, being \$1,470,525. Since which time it has been reduced nearly \$200,000, or \$33,000 per annum.

The estimates of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year, based on reliable data, show our ability to continue the reduction of our debt, in a proper ratio, in addition to lightening the burdens of the city Lodges by a reduction of rents, which was done last year.

We trust that the sale of the Chestnut Street Hall, and the continued payments to the Sinking Fund, will very shortly reduce our indebtedness to \$1,000,000.

The Grand Lodge is greatly indebted to the ability and zeal shown by the Finance Committee, in the management of the loans and finances of the Grand

Lodge, which by the high price they command in the open market, show the confidence that is felt outside of the Brethren, in the faith and integrity of the Grand Lodge, to meet all its obligations.

The Grand Master being resident so far from Philadelphia, recognized the imperative necessity of authorizing some one to exercise a proper authority over the Lodges meeting in the city of Philadelphia, and issued an Especial Commission to the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Brother CONRAD B. DAY, to visit the said Lodges, as the representative of the Grand Master, giving them such advice and admonition as might to him seem necessary. All of which duty he has performed to our entire satisfaction.

To the remaining elective and appointed Officers of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master tenders his Brotherly love and affection for the care, skill and capacity they have shown in their various positions.

The Grand Master would fail in his duty were he to omit to recognize, in an especial manner, the assistance which has been rendered him in the discharge of his duties, by the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, who, from his knowledge of the Law and the Craft, has rendered him invaluable services.

To Brother GEORGE W. WOOD, Grand Marshal and Private Secretary to the Grand Master, for his unceasing labors in disseminating true Masonic light and knowledge to Officers of Lodges requiring information.

To the District Deputy Grand Masters, for the zeal and fidelity they have shown in the management of the affairs of their several districts, under the direction of the Grand Master. And to the Committees of the Grand Lodge, who by their assiduous labors have so largely contributed in assisting to lighten the labors of his position.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence, speaks for itself, and is well worthy of a careful perusal, by all the members of Lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Master, together with the Grand Lodge, fully endorse the position taken by the Committee on Grand Lodge sovereignty.

The proposed celebration of our 150th Anniversary, is received with much interest by the Brethren, both in this jurisdiction and elsewhere.

It is, indeed, a most interesting occasion. Especially in view of the fact, that the Grand Lodge, which was constituted on St. John the Baptist's Day, A. D. 1732, in Philadelphia, by lawful authority, derived from the Grand Lodge of England, was the first in point of time which existed on this Continent.

I am sure the Brethren in Pennsylvania will take pride in making the celebration on the 24th of June next, one which will appropriately mark the important historical fact which it is to commemorate, and do credit to the Craft in this great Commonwealth.

The reaper, Death, has again appeared in our midst.

On the morning of the 24th inst., Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother ALFRED R. POTTER, “entered into rest,” being the fifth Past Grand Master who has died within three years.

A suitable Eulogy will be delivered at our Quarterly Communication in March.

And now, my Brethren, having somewhat briefly given you a general idea of my labors for the past year, and entering upon a new one, which gives promise of great brightness for the Craft throughout the jurisdiction. I can only say, let us aim to increase our usefulness ; do good unto all men, but more especially to those belonging to the household of the faithful.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 7th, A. L. 5881, as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read, when the following named Brethren were duly installed in their respective stations, for the ensuing Masonic year, in ancient and solemn form, viz :

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| Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK, | - - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
| “ CONRAD B. DAY, | - - | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| “ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | - - | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ JOSEPH EICHBAUM, | - - | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ THOMAS R. PATTON, | - - | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| “ MICHAEL NISBET, | - - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i> |

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, was pleased to announce the following appointments :

Grand Chaplains :

RT. REV. BRO. CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD, D.D., of Pittsburgh.

REV. BRO. WM. SUDDARDS, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ RICHARD H. ALLEN, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ J. J. McILYAR, D.D., of Pittsburgh.

“ J. ANDREWS HARRIS, D.D., of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

“ WILLIAM B. WOOD, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ JNO. S. J. McCONNELL, of Philadelphia.

“ WILLIAM H. PLATT, of Lewistown.

“ JAS. W. ROBINS, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ FRANK E. MILLER, of Easton.

“ HENRY S. GETZ, of Warren.

“ EDGAR M. LEVY, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ NATHAN C. SCHAFFER, of Kutztown.

“ SAMUEL HIRSCH, of Philadelphia.

“ THOMAS K. CONRAD, of Philadelphia.

“ A. V. C. SCHENCK, D.D., of Philadelphia.

Senior Grand Deacon :

BRO. GEORGE S. GRAHAM, Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.

Junior Grand Deacon :

BRO. OSCAR R. MEYERS, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.

Grand Stewards :

BRO. S. W. BROADBENT, Lodge No. 400, Jenkintown.

“ SPENCER C. GILBERT, Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg.

Grand Marshal :

BRO. GEORGE W. WOOD, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.

Grand Sword Bearer :

BRO. LOUIS M. CHASTEAU, Lodge No. 419, Philadelphia.

Grand Pursuivant :

BRO. HENRY H. HAYNES, Lodge No. 91, Philadelphia.

Grand Tyler :

BRO. HARRISON G. CLARK, Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia.

Committee on Finance :

BRO. JOHN C. YEAGER, Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia.

“ JAMES HERDMAN, Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh.

“ E. HARPER JEFFRIES, Lodge No. 186, Philadelphia.

“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia.

“ ED. P. KINGSBURY, Lodge No. 291, Scranton.

Committee on Appeals :

BRO. RICHARD VAUX, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ SAMUEL HARPER, Lodge No. 219, Pittsburgh.

“ MICHAEL ARNOLD, Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia.

“ WM. B. HACKENBURG, Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia.

“ HARRISON T. BEARDSLEY, Lodge No. 199, Lock Haven.

Committee on Correspondence :

BRO. RICHARD VAUX, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Lodge No. 67, Philad'a.

“ CHARLES D. FREEMAN, Lodge No. 130, Philad'a.

“ PEARSON CHURCH, Lodge No. 408, Meadville.

“ WM. DONALDSON, Lodge No. 224, Danville.

Committee on By-Laws :

BRO. CHAS. H. KINGSTON, Lodge No. 114, Philadelphia.

“ J. L. LEMBERGER, Lodge No. 226, Lebanon.

“ FRED. W. LAUER, Lodge No. 62, Reading.

“ FRANCIS J. BASSETT, Lodge No. 362, Erie.

“ JACOB P. GRIFFITH, Lodge No. 284, Catasauqua.

Committee on Landmarks :

BRO. JOHN THOMSON, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ MICHAEL NISBET, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

WITH THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Committee on Printing and Publishing :

BRO. WILLIAM A. SINN, Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia.

“ WILLIAM B. REED, Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia.

“ THOS. S. WOODBURY, Lodge No. 155 Philadelphia.

“ WILLIAM KINSEY, Lodge No. 25, Bristol.

“ TIMOTHY McCARTHY, Lodge No. 386, Philad'a.

Committee on Temple :

BRO. WILLIAM J. KELLY, Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia.

“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, Lodge No. 369, Philadelphia.

“ SAMUEL W. WRAY, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.

“ GODFREY KEEBLER, Lodge No. 487, Philadelphia.

“ EDWARD MATTHEWS, Lodge No. 187, Philadelphia.

Commissioners of Sinking Fund :

BRO. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ EDWARD T. STEEL, Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.

- BRO. BENTON K. JAMISON, Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia.
 " THOMAS R. PATTON, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.
 " HENRY M. DECHERT, Lodge No. 274, Philadelphia.

Committee on Library :

- BRO. CHAS. E. MEYER, Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia.
 " M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ, Lodge No. 125, Philad'a.
 " EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, Lodge No. 19, Philad'a.
 " WM. C. HAMILTON, Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia.
 " JAMES S. BARBER, Lodge No. 402, Philadelphia.
 " T. ESMONDE HARPER, Lodge No. 126, Philad'a.
 " SAMUEL S. TALBOT, Lodge No. 529, Philad'a.

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| " | JOHN M. ZOOK, | " | 51 |
| " | LOUIS WAGNER, | " | 52 |
| " | NEAL CAMPBELL, | " | 59 |
| " | AUSTIN J. MONTGOMERY, . | " | 67 |
| " | LEWIS N. SCHNIDER, | " | 71 |
| " | JAMES C. WRAY, | " | 72 |
| " | WILLIAM C. MACKIE, | " | 81 |
| " | JOSEPH ORR, | " | 91 |
| " | JOHN HIBBITT, | " | 114 |
| " | JOSEPH K. PARKER, | " | 115 |
| " | ROBERT SCOTT, | " | 121 |
| " | OTTO SCHAETTLE, | " | 125 |
| " | JAMES LANING, | " | 126 |
| " | ROBERT ARTHUR, | " | 130 |
| " | ROBERT J. CAMPBELL, | " | 131 |

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| BROTHER | JAMES A. KIRKPATRICK, | Lodge No. | 134 |
| " | SAMUEL IRVIN GIVEN, | " | 135 |
| " | HEMAN B. POTTER, | " | 155 |
| " | JAMES HALBERSTADT, | " | 158 |
| " | HOWARD SMITH, | " | 186 |
| " | ALFRED C. STULB, | " | 187 |
| " | HENRY EINWECHTER, | " | 211 |
| " | JOHN H. NEVEIL, | " | 230 |
| " | ANDREW T. GAYLEY, | " | 246 |
| " | J. FRANK KNIGHT, | " | 271 |
| " | WILLIAM S. DILKES, | " | 274 |
| " | WILLIAM J. BARR, | " | 289 |
| " | ISAAC WALKER, | " | 292 |
| " | ROBERT B. SALTER, | " | 295 |
| " | JOHN R. FANSHAWE, | " | 296 |
| " | M. M. BAYERSDORFER, | " | 359 |
| " | CHARLES CARY, | " | 368 |
| " | JAMES P. MALSEED, | " | 369 |
| " | JOHN McKINNEY, | " | 380 |
| " | LOUIS SCHMITH, | " | 384 |
| " | JOHN HALLIWELL, | " | 385 |
| " | THOMAS S. ROSS, | " | 386 |
| " | EDWARD J. JAMES, | " | 393 |
| " | SAMUEL McCAMBRIDGE, | " | 402 |
| " | JOHN F. RAU, | " | 419 |
| " | JOHN R. TOBIN, | " | 432 |
| " | SAMUEL J. DICKEY, | " | 436 |
| " | ROBERT MACKEY, | " | 441 |
| " | WILLIAM H. BELLOWS, | " | 444 |
| " | GEORGE BURWELL, | " | 449 |
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| " | JAMES A'BECKET, | " | 453 |

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| " | F. W. MORRISON, | " 470 |
| " | ANDREW ZANE, JR., | " 481 |
| " | JOHN STERLING, | " 482 |
| " | WILLIAM PENN COOPER, . . | " 487 |
| " | JOHN B. PAXTON, | " 491 |
| " | AMOS W. BACON, | " 493 |
| " | WILLIAM F. MILLER, . . . | " 500 |
| " | MATTHIAS COATS, | " 506 |
| " | CHRIS. BIEDERBACH, . . . | " 519 |
| " | WILLIAM S. HAYS, | " 527 |
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| " | JOHN M. DAVENPORT, . . . | " 59 |
| " | AMOS HANSELL, | " 67 |
| " | SAMUEL HARRISON, | " 71 |
| " | JAMES B. FOUST, | " 72 |
| " | FREDERICK STOECKLE, . . | " 81 |
| " | GEORGE L. RAPP, | " 91 |
| " | THOMAS JACOBS, | " 114 |
| " | JOHN GRAHAM, | " 115 |
| " | JOHN STEWART, | " 121 |
| " | CHARLES PEELER, | " 125 |
| " | GEORGE MYERS, | " 126 |

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| BROTHER | J. H. SHENK, | Lodge No. | 130 |
| " | WILLIAM T. TAYLOR, | " | 131 |
| " | CHAS. W. NOLEN, | " | 134 |
| " | ROBERT SHELMERDINE, . . . | " | 135 |
| " | EDWARD MASSON, | " | 155 |
| " | WILLIAM L. TURNER, | " | 158 |
| " | BARCLAY J. WOODWARD, . . . | " | 186 |
| " | WILLIAM W. MAYBERRY, . . . | " | 187 |
| " | NICHOLAS SHEPHERD, | " | 211 |
| " | JOHN T. WALLACE, | " | 230 |
| " | JAMES MOFFETT, | " | 246 |
| " | SAMUEL DAVIS, | " | 271 |
| " | HARRY K. LEECH, | " | 274 |
| " | GABRIEL PHILLIPS, | " | 289 |
| " | JOHN BURNS, | " | 292 |
| " | FRANK MILLS, | " | 295 |
| " | JAMES C. BECKEL, | " | 296 |
| " | ROBERT LAUTERJUNG, | " | 359 |
| " | CHAS. E. WRIGHT, | " | 368 |
| " | HENRY S. KELLER, | " | 369 |
| " | BENJAMIN M. CHAMBERLAIN, . | " | 380 |
| " | AARON E. HUNTER, | " | 384 |
| " | CHAS. SUMMERFIELD, | " | 385 |
| " | JAMES K. CASSEDY, | " | 386 |
| " | WESLEY FENIMORE, | " | 393 |
| " | RICHARD McCAMBRIDGE, . . . | " | 402 |
| " | JOHN WILCOX, | " | 419 |
| " | WILLIAM WARREN, | " | 432 |
| " | FRANK C. HEADMAN, | " | 436 |
| " | JOHN S. THACKRAY, | " | 441 |
| " | HARRY R. SHULTZ, | " | 444 |
| " | CHARLES C. HALL, | " | 449 |

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| " | JAMES McELWEE, . . . | " 456 |
| " | JOS. A. BOOTHROYD, . . . | " 470 |
| " | THOMAS A. HARRIS, . . . | " 481 |
| " | WILLIAM H. SIMPSON, . . . | " 482 |
| " | HENRY R. COULOMB, . . . | " 487 |
| " | JOHN W. KOONS, . . . | " 491 |
| " | ARTHUR H. WOODWARD, . | " 493 |
| " | CHAS. H. DOWNING, . . . | " 500 |
| " | GEORGE M. TAYLOR, . . . | " 506 |
| " | CHARLES HOFFMAN, . . . | " 519 |
| " | BENJAMIN F. WAGNER, . . | " 527 |
| " | ARTHUR A. MUTH, . . . | " 528 |
| " | JOHN A. HUEY, . . . | " 529 |

District Deputy Grand Masters:

- 1.—Brother B. FRANK BRENEMAN, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Lancaster and York.
- 2.—Brother ROBERT L. MUENCH, of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Northumberland and Montour.
- 3.—Brother John G. BOBB, of Carlisle, for the Counties of Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton and Adams.
- 4.—Brother EDWARD H. SHEARER, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Lebanon.
- 5.—Brother CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Schuylkill and Columbia.
- 6.—Brother ASA B. STEVENS, of Hyde Park, for the County of Lackawanna and Lodges Nos. 341 and 438 in Wyoming County.

- 7.—Brother ROBERT H. LERCH, of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton and Monroe, and Lodge No. 512, at Quakertown, Bucks County.
- 8.—Brother HENRY W. WILLIAMS, of Wellsboro', for the County of Tioga.
- 9.—Brother WILLIAM CHAMBERLIN, of Towanda, for the Counties of Bradford and Sullivan, and Lodges Nos. 248 and 263 in Wyoming County.
- 10.—Brother FREDERICK H. KELLER, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Lycoming, Union, Snyder and Clinton.
- 11.—Brother JOHN P. CLARK, of Newport, for the Counties of Perry, Mifflin and Juniata.
- 12.—Brother ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, of Hollidaysburg, for the Counties of Cambria, Huntingdon, Blair and Bedford.
- 13.—Brother JOHN M. CLAPP, of Tidioute, for the Counties of Elk and Warren.
- 14.—Brother ELIAS W. HALE, of Bellefonte, for the Counties of Centre and Clearfield.
- 15.—Brother MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, of Sharon, for the Counties of Lawrence, Mercer and Beaver.
- 16.—Brother IRWIN McFARLAND, of Indiana, for the Counties of Westmoreland and Indiana.
- 17.—Brother GETER C. SHIDLE, of Pittsburgh, for the County of Allegheny.

- 18.—Brother WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Butler, Armstrong and Jefferson.
- 19.—Brother JAMES W. McDOWELL, of Washington, for the Counties of Washington and Greene, except Lodge No. 461, at Greenfield, Washington County, and Lodge No. 329, at Greensboro', Greene County.
- 20.—Brother CHARLES W. MACKEY, of Franklin, for the Counties of Venango, Forest and Clarion.
- 21.—Brother JAMES R. BARBER, of Titusville, for the County of Crawford.
- 22.—Brother GEORGE A. JENKS, of Newtown, for the County of Bucks (except Lodge No. 512, at Quakertown) and for Lodges Nos. 308, 400 and 410, in Montgomery County.
- 23.—Brother JAMES BARTON, JR., of Chester, for the Counties of Delaware and Chester, except Lodges Nos. 75, 446 and 553.
- 24.—Brother THOMAS S. McNAIR, of Hazleton, for the Counties of Carbon and Lehigh, and Lodge No. 327, at Hazleton.
- 25.—Brother REECE W. BARNES, of Connellsville, for the Counties of Fayette and Somerset, and Lodge No. 461, at Greenfield, Washington County, and Lodge No. 329, at Greensboro', Greene County.
- 26.—Brother JOHN J. WADSWORTH, of Erie, for the County of Erie.
- 27.—Brother ELBERT P. JONES, of Ariel, for the Counties of Wayne and Pike.

- 28.—Brother JACOB F. QUILLMAN, of Norristown, for the County of Montgomery (except Lodges Nos. 308, 400 and 410) and for Lodges Nos. 75, 446 and 553 in Chester County.
- 29.—Brother SAMUEL L. FRENCH, of Plymouth, for the County of Luzerne, except Lodge No. 327, at Hazleton.
- 30.—Brother CHARLES L. WHEELER, of Bradford, for the Counties of McKean, Cameron and Potter.
- 31.—Brother JOHN H. DUSENBURY, of Great Bend, for the County of Susquehanna.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary was pleased to appoint Brother CHARLES H. KINGSTON as Deputy Grand Secretary, which was confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 1 o'clock, P. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,

Grand Secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SUFFERERS BY THE GREAT FIRE IN MICHIGAN, ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1881, IN RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, BRO. SAMUEL B. DICK.

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| Lodge 3, | \$10 00 | Lodge 233, | \$20 00 |
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| " 52, | 25 00 | " 246, | 25 00 |
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| " 60, | 25 00 | " 250, | 10 00 |
| " 62, | 25 00 | " 252, | 5 00 |
| " 67, | 20 00 | " 253, | 25 00 |
| " 71, | 10 00 | " 260, (Brethren of) | 1 48 |
| " 72, | 25 00 | " 263, | 10 00 |
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| “ 526, | 5 00 | has been re- | |
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| “ 550, | 10 00 | Grand Master, sent to | |
| “ 551, | 5 00 | the Mayor of Detroit, | 25 00 |
| “ 552, | 10 00 | making total contribu- | |
| “ 554, | 5 00 | tions from this jurisdic- | ————— |
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A TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Lodges included in each District, with the name and residence of each District Deputy Grand Master. The Lodges in the County of Philadelphia are under the direct supervision of the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

| DISTRICT. | DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER. | RESIDENCE. | LODGE. | | LOCATION OF LODGE. | |
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| | | | NAME. | NO. | CITY OR TOWN. | COUNTY. |
| | | | | 2 | Philadelphia..... | Philadelphia. |
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| | | | | 9 | " | " |
| | | | Montgomery..... | 19 | " | " |
| | | | | 51 | " | " |
| | | | Harmony..... | 52 | " | " |
| | | | Washington..... | 59 | " | " |
| | | | Concordia..... | 67 | " | " |
| | | | La Fayette..... | 71 | " | " |
| | | | Philadelphia..... | 72 | " | " |
| | | | Hiram..... | 81 | Chestnut Hill..... | " |
| | | | Columbia..... | 91 | Philadelphia..... | " |
| | | | Solomon's..... | 114 | " | " |
| | | | St. John's..... | 115 | " | " |
| | | | Union..... | 121 | " | " |
| | | | Hermann..... | 125 | " | " |
| | | | Rising Star..... | 126 | " | " |
| | | | Phoenix..... | 130 | " | " |
| | | | Industry..... | 131 | " | " |

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| | | | NAME. | NO. | CITY OR TOWN. | COUNTY. |
| | | | Franklin | 134 | Philadelphia | Philadelphia. |
| | | | Roxborough..... | 135 | Manayunk..... | " |
| | | | Mount Moriah | 155 | Philadelphia | " |
| | | | Meridian Sun..... | 158 | " | " |
| | | | Eastern Star | 186 | " | " |
| | | | Integrity | 187 | " | " |
| | | | Kensington..... | 211 | " | " |
| | | | Richmond..... | 230 | " | " |
| | | | Shekinah..... | 246 | " | " |
| | | | Keystone..... | 271 | " | " |
| | | | Hamilton..... | 274 | West Philadelphia.. | " |
| | | | Orient..... | 289 | Philadelphia | " |
| | | | Frankford | 292 | Frankford | " |
| | | | Melita..... | 295 | Philadelphia | " |
| | | | Mitchell | 296 | Germantown..... | " |
| | | | Humboldt..... | 359 | Philadelphia | " |
| | | | Corinthian | 368 | " | " |
| | | | Williamson..... | 369 | " | " |
| | | | Pennsylvania..... | 380 | " | " |
| | | | Richard Vaux..... | 384 | Nicetown..... | " |
| | | | Oriental | 385 | West Philadelphia.. | " |
| | | | Apollo..... | 386 | Philadelphia | " |
| | | | Vaux | 393 | " | " |
| | | | Perkins..... | 402 | " | " |
| | | | Wm. B. Schneider.. | 419 | " | " |
| | | | | 432 | " | " |
| | | | Mozart..... | 436 | " | " |

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| | | Potter..... | 441 | Philadelphia..... | Philadelphia. |
| | | Philo..... | 444 | " | " |
| | | Ivanhoe..... | 449 | " | " |
| | | Stephen Girard..... | 450 | " | " |
| | | Welcome..... | 453 | " | " |
| | | Covenant..... | 456 | " | " |
| | | Palestine..... | 470 | Falls of Schuylkill.. | " |
| | | St. Paul..... | 481 | Philadelphia..... | " |
| | | Athelstan..... | 482 | " | " |
| | | Robt. A. Lamberton.. | 487 | " | " |
| | | Excelsior..... | 491 | " | " |
| | | Crescent..... | 493 | " | " |
| | | Wm. C. Hamilton... | 500 | " | " |
| | | Jerusalem..... | 506 | Frankford..... | " |
| | | Gothic..... | 519 | Philadelphia..... | " |
| | | Philates..... | 527 | " | " |
| | | Mount Horeb..... | 528 | " | " |
| | | St. Alban..... | 529 | " | " |
|  |  | ..... | 43 | Lancaster..... | Lancaster. |
| | | Washington..... | 156 | Drumore Centre... | " |
| | | Columbia..... | 286 | Columbia..... | " |
| | | Ashara..... | 398 | Marietta..... | " |
| | | Christiana..... | 417 | Christiana..... | " |
| | | Lamberton..... | 476 | Lancaster..... | " |
| | | Chas. M. Howell... | 496 | Safe Harbor..... | " |
| | | Casiphia..... | 551 | Mount Joy..... | " |
| | | York..... | 266 | York..... | York. |
| | | Shrewsbury..... | 423 | Shrewsbury..... | " |
| | | Zeredatha..... | 451 | York..... | " |
| | | Riverside..... | 503 | Wrightsville..... | " |
| | | Perseverance..... | 21 | Harrisburg..... | Dauphin. |
| | | Susquehanna..... | 364 | Millersburg..... | " |
| | | Robert Burns..... | 464 | Harrisburg..... | " |
| 1 | B. Frank Breneman..... | Lancaster, Lancaster Co..... | | | |
| 2 | Robert L. Muench..... | Harrisburg, Dauphin Co..... | | | |

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| | | | NAME. | NO. | CITY OR TOWN. | COUNTY. |
| 3 | John G. Bobb | Carlisle, Cumberland Co..... | Prince Edwin..... | 486 | Middletown..... | Dauphin. |
| | | | Danville..... | 224 | Danville..... | Montour. |
| | | | Mahoning..... | 516 | " | " |
|  |  |  | ..... | 22 | Sunbury..... | Northumberland. |
| | | | Shamokin | 255 | Shamokin | " |
| | | | Milton | 256 | Milton..... | " |
| | | | Mount Carmel..... | 378 | Mount Carmel..... | " |
| | | | Watson town..... | 401 | Watson town | " |
| | | | Eureka..... | 404 | Northumberland... | " |
| | | | Elysburg | 414 | Elysburg..... | " |
| | | | Cumberland Star.... | 197 | Carlisle..... | Cumberland. |
| | | | St. John's..... | 260 | " | " |
| | | | Eureka..... | 302 | Mechanicsburg..... | " |
| | | | Cumberland Valley.. | 315 | Shippensburg..... | " |
| | | | Big Spring..... | 361 | Newville..... | " |
| | | | George Washington. | 143 | Chambersburg | Franklin. |
| | | | Orrstown..... | 262 | Orrstown..... | " |
| | | | Mount Pisgah..... | 443 | Green Castle..... | " |
| | | | Good Samaritan.... | 336 | Gettysburg..... | Adams. |
| | | | Hebron..... | 465 | York Springs..... | " |
|  |  |  | ..... | 62 | Reading..... | Berks. |
| | | | Chandler | 227 | " | " |
| | | | Williamson | 307 | Womelsdorf..... | " |
| | | | Teutonia | 367 | Reading..... | " |
| | | | Huguenot..... | 377 | Kutztown..... | " |
| | | | Vaux | 406 | Hamburg..... | " |
| | | | St. John's | 435 | Reading..... | " |
| 4 | Edward H. Shearer | Reading, Berks Co..... | | | | |
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| 5 Christopher Little | Pottsville, Schuylkill Co. | Union..... | 479 | Morgantown..... | Berks. |
| | | Reading..... | 549 | Reading..... | " |
| | | Mount Lebanon.... | 226 | Lebanon..... | Lebanon. |
| | | Schuylkill | 138 | Orwigsburg..... | Schuylkill. |
| | | Pulaski..... | 216 | Pottsville..... | " |
|  |  | ..... | 222 | Minersville..... | " |
| | | Tamaqua | 238 | Tamaqua..... | " |
| | | Swatara. | 267 | Tremont..... | " |
| | | Page..... | 270 | Schuylkill Haven.. | " |
| | | Anthracite | 285 | St. Clair..... | " |
| | | Ashland..... | 294 | Ashland..... | " |
| | | Mahanoy City | 357 | Mahanoy City..... | " |
| | | Pine Grove..... | 409 | Pine Grove..... | " |
| | | Cressona | 426 | Cressona..... | " |
| | | Shenandoah..... | 511 | Shenandoah..... | " |
| | | Washington..... | 265 | Bloomsburg..... | Columbia. |
| | | Catawissa | 349 | Catawissa..... | " |
| | | Oriental | 460 | Orangeville..... | " |
| | | Knapp | 462 | Berwick..... | " |
| | | Carbondale | 249 | Carbondale..... | Lackawanna. |
| 6 Asa B. Stevens | Hyde Park, Lackawanna Co. | Hiram | 261 | Providence..... | " |
| | | Union..... | 291 | Scranton..... | " |
| | | Waverly | 301 | Waverly..... | " |
| | | Peter Williamson .. | 323 | Scranton..... | " |
| | | Hyde Park | 339 | Hyde Park..... | " |
| | | Schiller | 345 | Scranton..... | " |
| | | Kingsbury..... | 466 | Olyphant..... | " |
| | | Moscow | 504 | Moscow..... | " |
| | | Aurora..... | 523 | Jermyn..... | " |
| | | Factoryville..... | 341 | Factoryville..... | Wyoming. |
| | | Nicholson..... | 438 | Nicholson | " |
| | | Easton..... | 152 | Easton..... | Northampton. |
| | | Bethlehem | 283 | Bethlehem..... | " |
| 7 Robert H. Lerch | Easton, Northampton Co. | | | | |
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| 11 John P. Clark..... | Ivy..... | 397 | Williamsport..... | Lycoming. |
| | Charity..... | 144 | Lewisburg..... | Union. |
| | Mifflinburg..... | 370 | Mifflinburg..... | " |
| | La Fayette..... | 194 | Selin's Grove..... | Snyder. |
| | La Fayette..... | 199 | Lock Haven..... | Clinton. |
| | Renovo..... | 495 | Renovo..... | " |
| | Adams..... | 319 | New Bloomfield... | Perry. |
| | Newport..... | 381 | Newport..... | " |
| | Perry..... | 458 | Marysville..... | " |
| | Lewistown..... | 203 | Lewistown..... | Mifflin. |
| | McVeytown..... | 376 | McVeytown..... | " |
| 12 Alexander M. Lloyd..... | Milroy..... | 492 | Milroy..... | " |
| | Union..... | 324 | Mifflintown..... | Juniata. |
| | Lamberton..... | 371 | Thompsonsontown... | " |
| | Cambria..... | 278 | Johnstown..... | Cambria. |
| | Summit.. | 312 | Ebensburg..... | " |
| | Johnstown..... | 538 | Johnstown..... | " |
| | Mount Moriah..... | 300 | Huntingdon..... | Huntingdon. |
| | Portage..... | 220 | Hollidaysburg..... | Blair. |
| | Mountain..... | 281 | Altoona..... | " |
| | Juniata..... | 282 | Hollidaysburg..... | " |
| | Logan..... | 490 | Altoona..... | " |
| 13 John M. Clapp..... | Tyrone..... | 494 | Tyrone..... | " |
| | Bedford..... | 320 | Bedford..... | Bedford. |
| | Everett..... | 524 | Everett Borough... | " |
| | Woodbury..... | 539 | Woodbury..... | " |
| | Elk..... | 379 | Ridgway..... | Elk. |
| | North Star..... | 241 | Warren..... | Warren. |
| | Columbus..... | 264 | Columbus..... | " |
| | Temple..... | 412 | Tidioute..... | " |
| | Stillwater..... | 547 | Sugar Grove..... | " |
| | Bellefonte..... | 268 | Bellefonte..... | Centre. |
| | Moshannon..... | 391 | Phillipsburg..... | " |
| 14 Elias W. Hale..... | Tidioute, Warren Co..... | | | |
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| | | | NAME. | NO. | CITY OR TOWN. | COUNTY. |
| 15 | Matthias H. Henderson.... | Sharon, Mercer Co..... | Old Fort..... | 537 | Centre Hall..... | Centre. |
| | | | Clearfield..... | 314 | Clearfield..... | Clearfield. |
| | | | Osceola..... | 515 | Osceola Borough.. | " |
| | | | Mahoning..... | 243 | New Castle..... | Lawrence. |
| | | | Lodge of the Craft.. | 433 | " | " |
| | | | Sharon..... | 250 | Sharon..... | Mercer. |
| | | | Eureka..... | 290 | Greenville..... | " |
| | | | Kedron..... | 389 | West Middlesex.... | " |
| | | | Adelphic..... | 424 | Jamestown | " |
| | | | Lake..... | 434 | Sandy Lake..... | " |
| | | | Sharpville..... | 517 | Sharpville..... | " |
| | | | Rochester..... | 229 | Rochester..... | Beaver. |
| | | | Union..... | 259 | New Brighton..... | " |
| | | | Meridian | 411 | Darlington..... | " |
| | | | St. James..... | 457 | Beaver..... | " |
| 16 | Irwin McFarland. | Indiana, Indiana Co..... | Beaver Valley..... | 478 | Beaver Falls..... | " |
| | | | Glasgow..... | 485 | Smith's Ferry..... | " |
| | | | Philanthropy. | 225 | Greensburg..... | Westmoreland. |
| | | | Loyalhanna..... | 275 | Latrobe | " |
| | | | Fort Ligonier..... | 331 | Ligonier. | " |
| | | | Westmoreland..... | 518 | Greensburg. | " |
| | | | Indiana..... | 313 | Indiana..... | Indiana. |
| | | | Acacia..... | 355 | Blairsville | " |
| | | | Williamson | 431 | Saltsburg..... | " |
| | | | | 45 | Pittsburgh | Allegheny. |
| 17 | Geter C. Shidle..... | Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co..... | St. John's..... | 219 | " | " |
| | | | Franklin | 221 | " | " |

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| | | | Allegheny..... | 223 | Allegheny City.... | Allegheny. |
| | | | Solomon's..... | 231 | Pittsburgh | " |
| | | | Washington.. | 253 | " | " |
| | | | Monongahela..... | 269 | " | " |
| | | | Milnor..... | 287 | " | " |
| | | | Jefferson..... | 288 | Allegheny City.... | " |
| | | | McKinley..... | 318 | " | " |
| | | | Hailman..... | 321 | East Liberty..... | " |
| | | | Davage..... | 374 | Allegheny City.... | " |
| | | | Aliquippa..... | 375 | McKeesport..... | " |
| | | | McCandless..... | 390 | Pittsburgh..... | " |
| | | | Stuckrath..... | 430 | Allegheny | " |
| | | | Zaradatha..... | 448 | Sharpsburg..... | " |
| | | | Pittsburgh..... | 484 | Pittsburgh | " |
|  |  |  | ..... | 489 | Allegheny City.... | " |
| | | | Pollock..... | 502 | Tarentum..... | " |
| | | | Dallas..... | 508 | Pittsburgh..... | " |
| | | | Germania..... | 509 | " | " |
| | | | Braddock's Field.. | 510 | Braddock's Field.. | " |
| | | | Guyasuta..... | 513 | Temperanceville .. | " |
| | | | Ionic..... | 525 | Allegheny City.... | " |
| | | | Stephen Bayard.... | 526 | Elizabeth..... | " |
| | | | Bellevue..... | 530 | Bellevue..... | " |
| | | | Oakland..... | 535 | Oakland..... | " |
| | | | Centennial..... | 544 | Mansfield..... | " |
| | | | Duquesne..... | 546 | East Liberty..... | " |
|  |  |  | ..... | 548 | Verona..... | " |
| | | | Butler..... | 272 | Butler..... | Butler. |
| | | | Harmony..... | 429 | Harmony..... | " |
| | | | Argyle..... | 540 | Petrolia..... | " |
| | | | Armstrong..... | 239 | Freeport..... | Armstrong. |
| | | | Kittanning..... | 244 | Kittanning..... | " |
| | | | Apollo..... | 437 | Apollo..... | " |
| 18 Wm. B. Meredith..... | Kittanning, Armstrong Co..... | | | | | |

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| 19 | James W. McDowell | Washington, Washington Co. | Parker City..... | 521 | Parker City..... | Armstrong. |
| | | | Hobah..... | 276 | Brookville..... | Jefferson. |
| | | | John W. Jenks..... | 534 | Punxsutawney..... | " |
| | | | John M. Read..... | 536 | Reynoldsville..... | " |
| | | | Washington..... | 164 | Washington..... | Washington. |
| | | | Chandler..... | 237 | Beallsville..... | " |
| | | | Chartiers..... | 297 | Canonsburg..... | " |
| | | | Henry M. Phillips.. | 337 | Monongahela City. | " |
| | | | Claysville..... | 447 | Claysville..... | " |
| | | | Richard Vaux..... | 454 | Burgettstown..... | " |
| | | | Independence..... | 488 | Independence..... | " |
| | | | Waynesburg | 153 | Waynesburg | Greene. |
| | | | Clarksville | 403 | Clarksville | " |
| | | | Eureka..... | 514 | Steph. White's Mills | " |
| | | | Myrtle..... | 316 | Franklin..... | Venango. |
| | | | Petrolia..... | 363 | Oil City..... | " |
| | | | Fraternal | 483 | Rouseville..... | " |
| | | | Pleasantville..... | 501 | Pleasantville..... | " |
| | | | Allegheny Valley... | 552 | Emlenton..... | " |
| 20 | Charles W. Mackey..... | Franklin, Venango Co. | Clarion..... | 277 | Clarion | Clarion. |
| | | | Canby..... | 520 | St. Petersburg..... | " |
| | | | New Bethlehem... | 522 | New Bethlehem... | " |
|  |  |  | ..... | 550 | Edenburg..... | " |
| | | | Olive..... | 557 | Tionesta..... | Forest. |
| | | | Crawford..... | 234 | Meadville | Crawford. |
| | | | Western Crawford.. | 258 | Conneautville..... | " |
| | | | Oil Creek..... | 303 | Titusville..... | " |
| 21 | James R. Barber..... | Titusville, Crawford Co. | | | | |
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| 22 | George A. Jenks..... | Newtown, Bucks Co..... | Spartan..... Shepherd..... Covenant..... Pine..... Bristol..... Doylestown..... Newtown..... Fort Washington... Friendship..... W. K. Bray..... Chester..... Geo. W. Bartram... L. H. Scott..... Fernwood..... Williamson..... West Chester..... Thomson..... Skerrett..... Oxford..... Goddard..... Howell..... Kennett..... New London..... Carbon..... Porter..... Lehigh..... Barger..... Slatington..... Saucon..... Hazle..... Brownsville..... Fayette..... | 372 408 463 473 498 25 245 427 308 400 410 236 298 352 543 309 322 340 343 353 383 405 475 545 242 284 326 333 440 469 327 60 228 | Spartansburg Meadville Titusville Cambridge Boro' . . Linesville Bristol Doylestown Newtown Fort Washington... Jenkintown Hatboro' Chester Media Chester Fernwood Downingtown West Chester Green Tree Cochransville.. . . . Oxford Coatesville Brookville Kennett Square . . . New London Mauch Chunk Catasauqua Trexlerstown Allentown Slatington Coopersburg Hazleton Brownsville Uniontown | Crawford. " " " " Bucks, " " Montgomery. " " Delaware. " " " Chester. " " " " " " " " " " Carbon. Lehigh. " " " " " Luzerne. Fayette. " |
| 23 | James Barton, Jr..... | Chester, Delaware Co..... | | | | |
| 24 | Thomas S. McNair..... | Hazleton, Luzerne Co..... | | | | |
| 25 | Reece W. Barnes..... | Connellsville, Fayette Co..... | | | | |

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| 26 | John J. Wadsworth..... | Erie, Erie Co..... | Gummert..... | 252 | Fayette City..... | Fayette. |
| | | | King Solomon..... | 346 | Connelsville..... | " |
| | | | Valley..... | 459 | Masontown..... | " |
| | | | Somerset..... | 358 | Somerset..... | Somerset. |
| | | | Meyersdale..... | 554 | Meyersdale..... | " |
| | | | Monongahela Valley. | 461 | Greenfield..... | Washington. |
| | | | Craft..... | 329 | Greensboro'..... | Greene. |
| | | | Western Star..... | 304 | Albion..... | Erie. |
| | | | Lake Erie..... | 347 | Girard..... | " |
| | | | Tyrian..... | 362 | Erie..... | " |
| | | | Corry..... | 365 | Corry..... | " |
| | | | Eureka..... | 366 | Union City..... | " |
| | | | Perry..... | 392 | Erie..... | " |
| | | | North East..... | 399 | North East..... | " |
| | | | Oasis..... | 416 | Edinboro'..... | " |
| | | | Waterford... .. | 425 | Waterford..... | " |
| | | | Keystone..... | 455 | Erie..... | " |
| | | | Wattsburg..... | 533 | Wattsburg..... | " |
| | | | Honesdale..... | 218 | Honesdale..... | Wayne. |
| | | | Hawley..... | 305 | Hawley..... | " |
| | | | Salem..... | 330 | Hamlington..... | " |
| | | | Mount Hermon..... | 472 | Pleasant Mount.... | " |
| | | | Waymart..... | 542 | Waymart..... | " |
| | | | Milford..... | 344 | Milford..... | Pike. |
| | | | Charity..... | 190 | Norristown..... | Montgomery. |
| | | | Stichter..... | 254 | Pottstown..... | " |
| | | | Cassia..... | 273 | Ardmore..... | " |
| 27 | Elbert P. Jones..... | Ariel, Wayne Co..... | | | | |
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| 28 | Jacob F. Quillman..... | Norristown, Montgomery Co..... | | | | |
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| 29 Samuel L. French..... | Plymouth, Luzerne Co..... | Warren..... | 310 | Trappe..... | Montgomery. |
| | | Fritz..... | 420 | Conshohocken..... | " |
| | | Phoenix..... | 75 | Phoenixville..... | Chester. |
| | | Mount Pickering... | 446 | Upper Uwchlan.... | " |
| | | Spring City..... | 553 | Spring City..... | " |
|  |  | ..... | 61 | Wilkes-Barre..... | Luzerne. |
| | | St. John's..... | 233 | Pittston..... | " |
| | | Plymouth..... | 332 | Plymouth..... | " |
| | | Sylvania..... | 354 | Shickshinny..... | " |
| | | Kingston..... | 395 | Kingston..... | " |
| | | Landmark..... | 442 | Wilkes-Barre..... | " |
| | | Laurel..... | 467 | White Haven..... | " |
| | | Wyoming..... | 468 | Wyoming..... | " |
| | | Coalville..... | 474 | Ashley..... | " |
| | | Valley..... | 499 | West Pittston..... | " |
| | | George M. Dallas... | 531 | Dallas..... | " |
| | | Nanticoke..... | 541 | Nanticoke..... | " |
| | | Union..... | 334 | Bradford..... | McKean. |
| | | McKean..... | 388 | Smethport..... | " |
| | | Liberty..... | 505 | Port Allegheny.... | " |
| | | Northern Star..... | 555 | Duke Centre..... | " |
| | | Emporium..... | 382 | Emporium..... | Cameron. |
| | | Driftwood..... | 532 | Driftwood..... | " |
| | | Eulalia..... | 342 | Coudersport..... | Potter. |
| | | Warren..... | 240 | Montrose..... | Susquehanna. |
| | | Freedom..... | 328 | Jackson..... | " |
| | | Great Bend..... | 338 | Great Bend..... | " |
| | | Canawacta..... | 360 | Susquehanna Depot | " |
| | | Clifford..... | 439 | Clifford..... | " |
| | | Harford..... | 445 | Harford..... | " |
| | | New Milford..... | 507 | New Milford..... | " |
| 30 Charles L. Wheeler..... | Bradford, McKean Co..... | | | | |
| 31 John H. Dusenbury..... | Great Bend, Susquehanna Co.... | | | | |

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE:

THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE, Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, of Lodge 67, Brother CHARLES D. FREEMAN, of Lodge 130, Brother the Hon. PEARSON CHURCH, of Lodge 408, Brother the Hon. WM. DONALDSON, of Lodge 224, by RICHARD VAUX, P. G. M., its Chairman, presents the following Annual Report:

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Past Grand Master MICHAEL NISBET, has transmitted to your Committee the Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, received by him during the year 1881, viz:

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| ALABAMA, . . . 1880 | CONNECTICUT, . . 1881 |
| ARKANSAS, . . . 1880 | DAKOTA, . . . 1881 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1881 | DELAWARE, . . . 1880 |
| CALIFORNIA, . . . 1880-81 | ENGLAND, . . . 1880-81 |
| CANADA, . . . 1881 | IDAHO, . . . 1881 |
| COLON AND CUBA, . 1880-81 | ILLINOIS, . . . 1881 |
| COLORADO, . . . 1881 | INDIANA, . . . 1881 |

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| IOWA, 1881 | NOVA SCOTIA, . . 1881 |
| IRELAND, . . . 1881 | OHIO, 1880-81 |
| KANSAS, 1881 | OREGON, 1881 |
| LOUISIANA, . . . 1881 | PRINCE EDWARD IS'D, 1881 |
| MAINE, 1881 | QUEBEC, 1881 |
| MARYLAND, . . . 1880-81 | RHODE ISLAND, . 1881 |
| MASSACHUSETTS, . 1880-81 | SCOTLAND, 1881 |
| MICHIGAN, . . . 1881 | SOUTH CAROLINA, . 1880-81 |
| MINNESOTA, . . . 1881 | TENNESSEE, . . . 1880 |
| MISSISSIPPI, . . 1881 | TEXAS, 1880-81 |
| MISSOURI, . . . 1881 | UTAH, 1880-81 |
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Coming again to the discharge of the yearly duty imposed on the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Lodge, we begin our labor by saluting our Brethren representing, in like Committees, the Grand Jurisdictions of the Craft with which our Grand Lodge is in fraternal accord, with the unfeigned assurance of our Masonic respect and esteem.

The year about to close bears on its records the signs of sorrow and of joy.

Great lights have gone out in the Masonic firmament.

New stars have appeared within the range of Masonic vision.

Hope has gilded anew her pinions. Faith has broadened her eternal foundations. The Masonic heart has rejoiced. The preservation of Masonic Landmarks has been the constant care of the Craft. Harmony has sung her songs on the pinnacles of Masonic Temples, and chanted her melodies at their portals.

What human institution founded, or originated in selfish motives, the strife of tongues, adulterated ambitions, the love of notoriety, the lust for power, the greed for gain, can open its yearly history, brief and unstable as so many are, and present a like record of the parting year? Dissensions, conflicts, antagonisms, hatreds, schisms and dissolutions have assailed the associations of men, and left fabrics, built of fair promise, in wreck and ruin ere their young lives have developed into maturity. The year as it goes into Eternity takes with it only fragments of memories, which are all that remain of many of those inventions of art and man's device.

But, as Time commingles with the ages, as the years merge into centuries, they unfold, among their choicest treasures, the Landmarks of Freemasonry, its virtues, its teachings, its indestructible truths, and its sublime and hoary history.

Let us, then, bow in humble faith at the altars set up in our assemblies, and renew our vows, praise God from whom all blessings flow, ask in reverence that the Great Eternal, all-merciful Jehovah, the Architect of the building not

made with hands, will continue, as aforetime, to guide our Craftsmen by the pillar of fire by night, and a pillar of cloud by day, that the generations to come may find Freemasons strong and united in their faith, without change, without innovations, and without decay; bright as the sun, fair as the moon, resting in quiet confidence on those foundations which, like Truth itself, are eternal and imperishable.

The perusal of the Proceedings that have been received from the several Grand Lodges with which we hold Masonic relations, has given us sincere gratification.

The decisions of Grand Masters, their annual addresses, the reports of Grand Lodge Committees, and the harmony that is manifested among the Craft of these grand jurisdictions, evince a devotion to the principles of Freemasonry that is worthy of earnest congratulation. Here and there may be found some faltering in the grasp of the jurisprudence of Freemasonry, but it is easily seen that this arises from either the novelty of propositions, or unfamiliarity in the application of these principles in, it may be, exceptional cases.

Masonic jurisprudence demands, like any other Science, faithful and constant study.

It might well happen that instances arise when the full bearing of our unwritten law is not observed, if its prompt interpretation is sought. In these cases first errors are corrected as reflection suggest the necessity. Thus everywhere the true conservatism which Freemasonry inculcates is sure to assert itself.

In this is found the steady adherence to fundamental principles. It is thus that our institution is conserved, preserved, and made safe against innovation.

The test that is most surely to be implicitly relied on in determining questions of Masonic Law, usage or custom, is the examination of the inherent spirit which vitalizes them, and that ascertained, to compel conformity to their guidance.

Specious argument and special pleading may be permitted in the administration of the laws of profane society, but in Freemasonry these are never permitted.

A reasonable faith, a quiet obedience, and a judgment enlightened by the light which shineth in the darkness of doubt or ignorance, are the guides which lead the Masonic mind and conscience.

Innovations in the ceremonies, ritual, or indeed in any of the Proceedings of Lodges of Freemasons, ought to be rigorously prevented. It is the spirit of innovation that is to be feared. It may be, that in some instances the special or particular change, in itself, is not of so serious concern, in its relations to the ancient and established usage or custom: But if changes are ever to be sanctioned, then the peril arises, for a precedent is the most dangerous in the consequences that come from a precedent. No precedent is more dangerous than a precedent. Once it is admitted that occasion admits of a violation of the ancient customs of the Craft, then, that violation is cited for justification of other innovations.

It is safer, wiser, surer, to resist the first step of innovation.

The strength and power and glory of our Fraternity are to be found in the steadfastness and stability of its adherence to the established.

This is the most striking attribute, in the observation of the profane, which marks Freemasonry. It is, in a great degree, that which gives to the Craft its usefulness, its inherited and traditional character, gains for it the respect and admiration of thoughtful minds. Staid, steadfast, immovable, always abiding in the ancient traditions, the immemorial customs, the consecrated usages, and the foundation landmarks.

Why then let the spirit of change, the spirit of unrest, the appetite for novelties, the desire for the modern, the craving for what is so often called progress, but which is but another name for distraction, come into the tyled enclosure of true Masonry?

For what? Can it in any sense improve the character of our Craft? Can it add to its fame? Render Freemasonry other than it has been for ages? Are not our antiquity, our ceremonial, and our principles, customs and usages, the admiration of mankind?

Then why disturb what is canonized by the approbation, respect and admiration of generations? Why incur the perils, Trojan horses, it may be innovations hid within, and introduced under any pretext within the Masonic Temple?

The acceptance by the Grand Lodges of the States of

the United States of the principle of Grand Lodge sovereignty is now almost without an exception.

We take great satisfaction in making this statement.

Pennsylvania, early and late, the first, or at the beginning, contended for this principle in Masonic jurisprudence.

Earnestly, it may have been too much so, we urged this on our sister Grand Lodges, as their most certain security against dissensions, insubordination and schisms. The experience of the past decade has proved the force of this principle.

European Grand Bodies called Orients, or Leagues, or whatever else, have contended or claimed that they possess the right to constitute their initiates into subordinate bodies within the supreme and sovereign authority of Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in any State of the United States of America. A late attempt by some such Orient, located, as it is said, within the jurisdiction of our sister Grand Lodge of Louisiana, would show the practical effect of the toleration by our Grand Lodges of any such pretension. It is only necessary to state this example to prove its peril to our Grand Lodges.

Our safety and security rests in the denial of this claim. As a logical consequence, every Grand Lodge must reject, promptly, and positively, any attempt to enforce it. And so, too, it must be proclaimed that every Grand Lodge of the Craft is sovereign and supreme within its jurisdiction; unexceptional allegiance must be established between all subordinate Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, to the Grand

Lodge which exercises supreme jurisdiction over the territory which defines its limits.

These are the reflections which come to us, as we begin our official labors.

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ALABAMA.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixtieth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, city of Montgomery, December 6, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother HENRY CLAY TOMPKINS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is circumscribed to questions of domestic interest, pertaining to his administration of his office as Grand Master, except in one or two questions, which relate to Masonry in general. The Grand Master discusses a decision he made as to polygamy, in a separate paragraph in his address, under that title. We do not propose to enter into any discussion of the point raised in the decision, except to note it, and to regret that it should have assumed so prominent place in the annual address of the Grand Master to his Grand Lodge. Masonic jurisprudence relates directly and exclusively to *Masonic* law. When a Lodge of the Fraternity undertakes to become auxiliary in the execution of the laws of the country, Federal or State, it assumes a position unwarranted by its warrant and constitution. Masonic law relates to Masonic offences. These offences are clearly understood. A conviction for a Masonic offence demands the application of Masonic penalty, and no other. It is wiser to limit the application of Masonic law to the Craft, and the Craft's institutions, exclusively. Let the State, the civil law, and the criminal law, see to it that the State authorities shall maintain and defend their own jurisprudence.

Worshipful Brother OLIVER S. BEERS, made a special report on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, on the topic of "Controversial jurisdictional involvements." It recognizes the united Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, and intimates that the question between the Grand Lodge of Québec and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Grand Lodge of New York and the Grand League of Germany, are nearing a final and satisfactory adjustment. We regret this report is so meagre.

The general report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is also from the pen of our distinguished Brother BEERS. Pennsylvania is kindly noticed. The Charity Fund, Grand Master NISBET's address, and the financial condition of our Grand Lodge are fully discussed. In answer to the question put by our distinguished Brother, whether "*three or more Lodges*" in a territory in which no Grand Lodge exists, being in a minority of all the Lodges, can form a Grand Lodge? we say, No. The term "three or more," used by us, was intended only to designate the minimum number that would be justified in forming a Grand Lodge. We have more than once contended, that a Masonic sovereign supreme Grand Lodge must have undisputed authority over all the Lodges in its jurisdiction. This is the general fundamental proposition. There may be exceptions to it, which time, long ago, failed to denounce, but the protection of the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges, and the recognition of the sovereignty, must demand that the jurisdiction be exclusive as against any other. If in territory unoccupied by any Grand Lodge, there are seven Lodges, four holding their charters from one Grand Lodge and three from another, and the four form a Grand Lodge, that Grand Lodge cannot be recognized until the other three Lodges surrender their charters, and the new Grand Lodge is recognized by both the mother Grand Lodge. We are gratified that Brother BEERS is a convert to the doctrine of American Sovereignty of Grand Lodges, and we thank him for his very interesting report.

Most Worshipful Brother HENRY CLAY TOMPKINS was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

PROCEEDINGS of Forty-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Little Rock, November 23, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE THORNBURG, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother LUKE E. BARBER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is attractive. Reference is made to the condition of Freemasonry in his jurisdiction, and, indeed, around the world. Notice is given of the anti-Masonic efforts that are being made in Churches, and elsewhere, and the Grand Master truly and beautifully says, "Masonry is not to be disturbed in her triumphant march by these little ripples upon the surface of public sentiment." With this we entirely agree, and in the words of Isaiah, say, "let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth," for Freemasonry can never be disturbed by the contention of these insignificant fragments. The rest of the Grand Master's address is earnest in its style, and embraces a range of subjects in which our Grand Lodge has no special interest. We are rather amused at the manner in which he speaks of the "*French fraud*." This has reference to the so-called Grand Orient of Louisiana. He says he sent the French-fraud epistles to two of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for summer reading. How strange it is, that all Grand Masters take such delight in giving their Committees on Foreign Correspondence full employment in this sort of light Masonic literature.

At the Communication of the Grand Lodge of November 25, the Grand Orator delivered an address. At the same Communication, Brother GEORGE E. DODGE, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, stated, that the delay in

bringing out the last report brought it almost to the beginning of the present Masonic year, and that if another report were now published, it would make, virtually, two reports in one year, and asked that this report be omitted, which request was granted, accordingly. Hence we have no report for 1880, which we take occasion here just quietly to say, we regret.

Most Worshipful Brother J. H. VAN HOOSE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother LUKE E. BARBER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Forty-second Annual Grand Communication, held in Masonic Temple, Little Rock, November 22, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother J. H. VAN HOOSE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother LUKE E. BARBER, Grand Secretary.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge being "*duly*" opened, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother VAN HOOSE delivered his annual address. The first paragraph is poetically descriptive, and the introductory is strikingly original. The meteorological and climatic information is very interesting, and the address is fresh and vigorous in its conceptions, and admirably presented in its details. The Grand Master has carefully noticed "Sister Grand Jurisdictions." The action of the Grand Master on the "soul sleeper's" request for a dimit, is well put, and rests on sound Masonic law. The report of Right Worshipful Brother ENGLISH, Chairman of Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, p. 36, is worthy of notice. It discusses a principle in Masonic jurisprudence that is important to the Craft, and we regard the views of our distinguished Brother as within the accepted law of Freemasonry. The oration of the Grand Orator, Brother THOMAS C. McRAE, is a beautiful treatise on Masonic virtue. Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE E. DODGE, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a special report on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and declares that if twelve Lodges out of forty-eight

desire to "set up in business for themselves," and form a Grand Lodge, it is,—well, a commercial enterprise, this "setting up in business" we take it, but as a principle in Freemasonry we do not quite agree to it. So Brother DODGE recognizes Wales, and in the same report recognizes Cuba.

The annual report on Foreign Correspondence is also by our distinguished Brother the Chairman of the Committee, Right Worshipful Brother DODGE. Our Brother has evinced the same earnestness, ability and care in his report, which have characterized all his Masonic writings. His review of the proceedings of our Grand Lodges is exhaustive, wise, clear, and concise. The fresh, crisp and pleasing style of our Brother is charming. His notice of Pennsylvania delights us, so airy, so volatile, so exhilarating. We now fully appreciate the introductory paragraphs of the Grand Master's address,—the climate of Arkansas is so peculiarly adapted to the perfection of literary labor, and the growth of a pleasing style of composition. We have heard of late very much of the "Hot Springs of Arkansas." These waters renew the youth of those who dip or drink, so the story is, and we believe it. Our distinguished Brother DODGE has either, if our view of the effects of these waters is correct, bathed his editorial pen, or diluted his editorial ink, with these fabulous liquids. With the climate, and the waters, the air and 'the tender flowers and beautiful roses' of the Arkansas atmosphere, it is easy to understand the florid eloquence of our distinguished Brother's notice of Pennsylvania. We beg him to receive our most fraternal salutations. Our distinguished Brother has, we see, been translated to the glorious East, the source of light. This just recognition of the labors of our esteemed Brother gives us supreme satisfaction. We venture to believe that the notice of Pennsylvania, and his charming reference to us, must have so influenced the Craft of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, as to deprive the Committees of Correspondence of Grand Lodges of the charm of his annual reports.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE E. DODGE was elected Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Tenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia, held in Masonic Temple, Victoria, B. C., on the 18th of June, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother ELI HARRISON, Sen., Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother EDGAR C. BAKER, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master is a sensible and short notice of the condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction. We take the following extract, which is most interesting:

“All is peace and harmony with the Grand Bodies with whom we are corresponding, and I fully appreciate the kind sentiments expressed by them for our welfare. This subject, I have no doubt, will be fully dealt with by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; but there is a short report from Brother MACKINTOSH BALFOUR, Grand Master of all India, in the Quarterly Communication for August, 1880, of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, worthy of especial notice, and I have taken the liberty of making the following extract: (in addressing the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scotland, Brother BALFOUR said:) ‘I am sure it would afford you, Most Worshipful Grand Sir, very great satisfaction to be present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of all India. You would there meet, not only the Parsees, whose national costumes have not unfrequently been seen in this hall, but Musselmen of both sects, Hindoos, Jews, Arabs, Portuguese, Indo-Europeans and Europeans, and you would fully appreciate the intelligent interest which they all take in the work of the Lodge.’ Brethren, I look upon these principles and practices as the true ground work of our ancient institution, and hope they will forever be held sacred in this, our beloved Order, and that we may always tolerate the good and upright of every creed. There is a variety of interesting matter in

the Proceedings from other Grand Lodges, but I should be intruding on the duties and privileges of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by continuing this subject."

The statement of the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary as to the "Proceedings of other Grand Lodges," is hardly a report on Foreign Correspondence, and we leave it with only this mention.

Most Worshipful Brother COOTE M. CHAMBERS was elected Grand Master, and Very Worshipful Brother EDWARD CROW BAKER, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirty-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, San Francisco, October 12, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother ALEX. G. ABELL, Grand Secretary.

We are gratified to see by the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master that the Craft within his jurisdiction "can safely be said to have generally prospered," and the relations of the Grand Lodge of California "with other Grand Lodges are unchanged, and of the most amicable character."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother WILLIAM H. HILL, Chairman. It is a very full report, and indicates industry, care and research. The notice of Pennsylvania comprises an abstract of the Proceedings of 1879. Notice is made of the report of the Committee on Landmarks as to the power of a certain number of Brethren to dictate to the Master when a meeting of the Lodge shall be called, and refers to Grand Master Brother NISBET's address.

In fact, our distinguished Brother HILL treats Pennsylvania, as he does all the Grand Lodges, with justice and equity. This report is in entire harmony with its predeces-

sor, for 1879, which is characterized as "elaborate, thorough and able." We venture to say, that Brother HILL is far more *au fait* with his Masonic duties than in his social etiquette. We are charmed with his report. We are becoming more and more Masonically attached to him as a man and Brother, and Masonic writer; but his "*mutual admiration society bow*," lacks the grace and dignity of his literary salutations to the Craft. We beg him to accept our personal acknowledgments, for his kindly and complimentary allusion to ourself.

Right Worshipful Brother SAMUEL CRAWFORD DENSON was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother ALEX. G. ABELL, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at the city of London, August 5, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother J. A. HENDERSON, Q. C., D. C. L., Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary. Held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple of the city of London.

Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Rockwood, May 24, 1881, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of St. John's Episcopal Church, Right Worshipful Brother J. M. MEAKINS, acting Grand Master. Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Clark's Mills, June 16, 1881, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Presbyterian Church, Most Worshipful Brother J. A. HENDERSON, Grand Master. Special Communication, held at Meaford, June 25, 1881, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Methodist Episcopal Church, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN NETTLETON, District Deputy Grand Master, as Grand Master.

Special Communication, held at Carlton Place, June

30, 1881, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of St. James' Church, Church of England, Most Worshipful Brother J. A. HENDERSON, Grand Master. Special Communication, held at Dundela, July 1, 1881, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Canada Methodist Church. Right Worshipful Brother JAMES STEVENSON, M. D., Past District Deputy Grand Master.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Grand Communication, was held at the city of Hamilton, July 13, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother JAS. A. HENDERSON, Grand Master, on the throne; Right Worshipful Brother J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary. An address of welcome was presented to the Grand Master by five Worshipful Masters of Lodges, to which the Grand Master made an appropriate reply. The Grand Master's official address has nothing in it calling for especial notice. The report of the Board on Jurisprudence, and Foreign Grand Lodges was presented. The Board laid on the table the application for recognition from St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary. There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES MOFFAT was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. J. MASON was re-elected Grand Secretary.

COLON AND CUBA.

THE pamphlet before us contains the Proceedings of the fusion between Colon and Cuba, and they are stated to be a faithful extract from the documents existing in the Grand Secretary's office at Havana, AURELIO ALMEIDA, Grand Secretary.

The Annual Communication, was held March 28, 1880, at which ANTONIO GOVIN was elected Grand Master, and AURELIUS ALMEIDA, Grand Secretary. Forty-eight Lodges were represented. The Annual Grand Communication was con-

tinued from time to time, until July 11, 1880. On August 7, 1880, there was an extraordinary session. On December 25, 1880, there was a "trimestral" session, which was continued on October 3 and October 10, 1880. There was another session on December 26, 1880. On March 27, 1881, the annual session occurred. The Grand Master then delivered his inaugural discourse. He seems to have adopted the system adopted by Grand Lodges in the United States. We are glad to see that Grand Master GOVIN was re-elected, and it gives us unfeigned satisfaction to congratulate the Craft in Cuba on the wisdom they have displayed in availing themselves of the invalvable services of our esteemed Brother ALMEIDA as Grand Secretary. We do not desire to go outside of the strictest line of our duty, nor to infringe upon a principle of propriety, in saying, that the Craft in Cuba, the Free and Accepted Masons of that beautiful island, owe a debt of lasting gratitude to Brother ALMEIDA for his distinguished services to Freemasonry.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. ENRIQUE A. LECERFF. We note the title of the Committee, it is called the Commission of Exterior Relations, or, as we would say, freely translated, the Commission of Foreign Relations. This second report of our distinguished Brother LECERFF, shows how admirably he has been trained in the important duties of his post. We congratulate him upon the marked ability he displays, and we express the hope that ere long the Masonic writings of LECERFF will take rank with the most interesting and valuable contributions to our Masonic knowledge. We doubt, however, in conclusion, whether it is within the lines of strict Masonic propriety for our young sister of Colon and Cuba to extend its young wings over some so-called Grand Orients, of which notice is made in this report. Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons must exercise the strictest watchfulness, lest Grand Bodies calling themselves Grand Orients of all sorts of rites, should claim recognition through either zeal or inadvertence.

COLORADO.

AN Emergent Grand Communication was opened by Brother HERMAN LUEDERS as Grand Master, on the 9th of October, 1880, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a public school building at Lake City, Colorado.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Denver, on June 24, 1881, Most Worshipful Brother LAURENCE N. GREENLEAF, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother E. P. DURELL, as Grand Secretary, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Arapahoe County Court House. In the address of the Grand Master on this occasion, we find much very interesting matter. We take one sentence suggestive of careful thought: "Antiquarian research has revealed a striking analogy between the mediæval court and the Masonic Lodge." And the Grand Master elaborates this thought. We think we have read this in Brother FORT's "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry." But if we may be permitted to make a further remark, in Lillie's "Buddha and Early Buddhism," we think our Most Worshipful Brother will find more ancient authority for his striking analogy.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was convened at Cañon City, July 9, 1881, Most Worshipful Brother GREENLEAF presiding, and Brother H. CLAY WEBSTER as Grand Secretary. The purpose of the Communication was to lay the corner-stone of the new Masonic building, and also of the County Court House.

The Twenty-first Annual Grand Communication, was held at the Masonic Hall, Denver, September 20, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother LAURENCE N. GREENLEAF, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EDWARD C. PARMELEE, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master's annual address was read. We observe that under the caption, "other Grand Lodges," he refers to the Webotuck matter; he alludes to the report of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, which he commends;

to a communication from the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba; to the proclamation of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico suspending all relations with Missouri; also to a communication from the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, which he says is in Spanish, and he therefore conjectures is all right; to a communication from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, stating that their difficulty with Scotland had been adjusted—quite an intelligent *résumé* of the foreign relations of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our esteemed Brother BYRON L. CARR, Chairman. Worshipful Brother CARR's report is admirable. He refers to Pennsylvania, and quotes from the address of Grand Master Brother NISBET; and notices the inaugural address of Brother the Hon. SAMUEL B. DICK, our present Grand Master. Worshipful Brother CARR most kindly refers to Pennsylvania, and to us. We thank him kindly. In reviewing our report for 1880, he says: "Brother CHARLES GRISWOLD is a spook, a naturalized spook;" and yet he says, we admit that Brother CHARLES GRISWOLD has gone to the shades. There's where the spooks belong. But, dear Brother CARR, let all that pass; possibly it was a mistake of the printer. We never want you to go to the shades; you never will. We never want you to be a spook; that can't be. While in the flesh, and in the Fraternity, we desire to have the closest association with you. When you are in the spirit, that desire may be modified somewhat, until we know where you're going. Be all that as it may, we heartily wish you every happiness, and trust that we may be united in the binding ties of our Craft.

Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT A. QUILLIAN was elected Grand Master, and Brother EDWARD C. PARMELEE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninety-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, city of New Haven, January 19, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BARLOW, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary.

The annual address of the Grand Master opens with the following sentence: "Once more, in the good providence of God, I welcome you within these walls, solemnly dedicated to Masonry, Virtue and Universal Benevolence." We note this opening phrase because it struck us, as we read it, that the words "Masonry, Virtue and Universal Benevolence" were not conclusive to the purposes to which Masonic Halls are dedicated. Science, to which we in Pennsylvania dedicate our Halls, is omitted in this category, for our dedication is to Masonry, Virtue, Science and Universal Benevolence. We regard "Science" as quite as important as "Universal Benevolence," and takes its rank with "Virtue," for Freemasonry would be deprived of its highest consideration if it failed to recognize its indissoluble association with the Science of past ages. Geometry, Astronomy, Architecture, are certainly sciences, and indissolubly connected with the whole history of Freemasonry.

The Grand Master refers to the invitations he had received from the Grand Master of South Carolina to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of the monument in memory of the historic event, the battle of Cowpens. He also refers to the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and the Grand Lodge of New York. He repeats his view of the cause of complaint against New York, on the "Webotuck" question. We have already expressed our opinion on the subject, in our report last year, and we refer to it now only to say, that the Grand Master of Connecticut expresses the hope that "a sense of justice" and "the hallowed remembrance of former friendship, may lead our sister Grand Lodge (New York) to quickly and cheerfully rescind "

the "edict" of non-intercourse "and accept our extended hand in friendship and brotherly love." The correspondence between Grand Master Brother ROOME, of New York, Grand Master Brother BARLOW, of Connecticut, and Grand Master Brother ANTHONY, of New York, is attached to the Grand Master's official report.

Grand Chaplain Brother WIDDEMER made an address before the Grand Lodge on the evening of January 19, 1881. As such papers are not authoritative of any expression of Masonic opinion, we only notice it as a literary effort of high merit.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Grand Secretary Brother WHEELER. He notices Grand Master Brother NISBET's address approvingly, calls it "a practical paper," and commends the official action of our Grand Master as to the obligation resting on him to serve the Craft. His notice of Pennsylvania is highly gratifying. The report itself contains all that Brother WHEELER thinks necessary to extract from the Proceedings of Grand Lodges before him. His style is plain, positive and perspicuous. He goes over the "Webotuck" matter, but we fail to find in his notice of New York, any additional arguments to those that have already been presented on this unfortunate question.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES McCORMICK was elected Grand Master, and our highly esteemed Brother JAMES K. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DAKOTA.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at Sioux Falls, June 14, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother HENRY H. FOLK, Deputy Grand Master, as Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES T. MCCOY, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master was absent at this Communication,

but the Deputy Grand Master read his address. He recognizes the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, and states, "the Grand Lodge of Minnesota has not only recognized this Grand Body, and extended to it a warm and fraternal greeting, but has recognized the principle of exclusive jurisdiction, for which we have so earnestly contended." Let us just stop here a moment, and remark, how gratifying this announcement is, to us, especially. We have, in season and out of season, contended for the exclusive supreme jurisdiction of Grand Lodges. Although some of our Brethren of Committees of Foreign Correspondence have not been willing to recognize our early and persistent demand for the establishment of this essential principle in Masonic jurisprudence, yet we cannot refrain from contending, that this principle, known as the American Doctrine, if it did not originate with us, yet we were the first to call the attention of the Craft to it, and insist that its unity and harmony, the sovereignty of its Grand Lodges, most signally depended on the assertion that a Grand Lodge to be sovereign, must have, hold, and exercise undisputed supremacy within its jurisdiction. We congratulate the Grand Lodge of Dakota that this principle has been reasserted or reaffirmed within her young and growing jurisdiction. We thank Most Worshipful Brother HAND for his address, and extend to the Craft in his jurisdiction our earnest hope that union and prosperity, peace and happiness, will abound within her limits.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS H. BROWN was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES T. MCCOY, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Newport, September 2, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN TAYLOR

Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM S. HAYES, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master stated he called the meeting of the Grand Lodge "for the purpose of a public installation of the officers of Armstrong Lodge, No. 26." We stop, on reading this announcement, to express our opinion on the *purpose*, for which a Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was called. We have too frequently stated that with the domestic policy of a Grand Lodge no other Grand Lodge has any right to interfere. All that belongs to the administration of Grand Lodges within their jurisdiction, pertaining exclusively to the Craft under their government and control, must not be, cannot be, subject to the criticisms of sister Grand Lodges. This we have affirmed over and over again. Pennsylvania would never submit to it, and she is too wise to impose on others what she would not tolerate toward herself. But this *purpose* for which a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was called is not, as we think, within the limits we have thus defined. A public installation of the officers of a Masonic Lodge, in any Grand Jurisdiction, must of necessity have its influence, if only by way of precedent, in all other Grand Jurisdictions. The proceedings, the ceremonies, the ritual, the work, of Freemasonry, in its Lodges, subordinate or Supreme, have from the earliest of days been confined to those, as parties or visitors, who have been regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. This secrecy, this retirement from the observation of the profane, this separation from others than those entitled to be present, is as distinctive a feature as could be indelibly impressed upon any institution. This has been taught not only as a doctrine, but it has been canonized as a Landmark. In the earliest of ages it cost the associates submission to perils that cannot be now comprehended. Even within our own times Craftsmen have been forced to perform their ceremonies in the caves of the earth. In the earliest of days our ceremonies were performed on mountain tops, the more easily to be guarded against the approach of cowans.

And is all this history, all these traditions, all these perils and sacrifices, to be thrown away, trampled under foot as an unholy thing, given to the dogs, and idle spectators admitted to witness part of this very ceremonial? Where is the line to be drawn? If the door is to be opened to the uninitiate to be present at a mere ceremonial, when is it to be shut? He who assumes to be the judge in the one case, may find a less educated or unscrupulous Master, who may claim that he is like authority to judge what constitutes a ceremonial. If secrecy is a Landmark in Freemasonry, who has the right in the Craft to infringe or impair its perfect symmetry, or to strike off with the mallet the most infinitesimal spall from any of the corner-stones of Freemasonry. Is it to be held up for imitation? Is it to be proclaimed as possible that those in the Fraternity, and of the Fraternity, are deliberately to lay waste our Landmarks? The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Delaware may for the moment believe—nay, we will not say believe, we will say rather without due consideration agree, that in a public installation of the officers of a Lodge, that cannot assemble for a moment as a Lodge of the Craft, as a lawfully warranted and duly constituted Lodge of the Craft, without its doors being tyed, yet, our sister Grand Lodge may for the moment agree, that part of the ceremonial of the work of this Lodge may proceed in the presence of strangers and aliens to the Craft! Apart from this violation of a Landmark, apart from this prostration of every usage, and all our customs, the unqualified inconsistency of public installation of officers strikes us as most signal. We are earnest in our protestations against such a precedent. Its influences for evil cannot on the moment be estimated. As a precedent under the sanction of our esteemed and venerated sister in the Craft, the Grand Lodge of Delaware, it may lead to innovations perilous or destructive. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has in the most marked manner set the seal of her condemnation on such an innovation. She expelled from her Fraternity, an esteemed and venerable Brother, who in a moment of thoughtlessness

failed to tyle the Lodge on a similar ceremony; therefore, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Delaware will pardon the earnestness with which we criticise its action. If this action of our sister body had been limited, or could be limited, in its influence upon her own jurisdiction, we would have satisfied ourselves with expressing only our regrets; but since it may be invoked hereafter in justification of innovations possibly unimportant in themselves, yet, nevertheless, innovations on our usages and customs, we take this opportunity, in the most fraternal spirit, to enter our most respectful, but nevertheless earnest protest, against even a precedent for the Craft, which may be fruitful of dire calamities.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was convened at the city of Wilmington, on September 13, 1880, for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic Hall at New Castle. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN TAYLOR, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. S. HAYES, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventy-fourth Annual Grand Communication, was held at Masonic Hall, Wilmington, October 6 and 7, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN TAYLOR, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. S. HAYES, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master opens his address with the following sentences: "The institution of Masonry, unless late discoveries made in Egypt are misread, dates very far back into antiquity. More than thirty centuries look down upon *our* deliberations to-day." Yes, Most Worshipful Sir, to this we cordially agree; but will you point to us, in those thirty centuries, when a public installation of the officers of a Lodge of the Craft is recorded?

There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother JOSEPH W. H. WATSON was elected Grand Master, and Brother WM. S. HAYES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, December 1, 1880, the Right Honorable LORD TENTERDEN, K. C. B., Provincial Grand Master for Essex, presiding; Very Worshipful Brother Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held March 2, 1881, at Freemasons' Hall, London, the Right Honorable the EARL OF LATHOM, Deputy Grand Master, presiding; Very Worshipful Brother CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

The Annual Grand Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, April 27, 1881. Right Worshipful Brother General JOHN STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C. B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, as Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, June 1, 1881. Right Worshipful Brother WM. WITHER BRAMSTON BEACH, M. P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, as Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, September 7, 1881. Right Worshipful Brother General JOHN S. BROWNRIGG, C. B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, as Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

We find nothing in the Proceedings of these Communications that requires special notice at this time from this Committee.

IDAHO.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Boise City, January 11, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother H. E. PRICKETT, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother L. F. CARTEE, Grand Secretary.

This Communication was held to consider the appeal from the action of Nez Perce Lodge, No. 10. A resolution was adopted, declaring the manner of conducting trials in this Lodge "farcical, careless, trifling, and unworthy the name of *Masonic trials*."

PROCEEDINGS of Fourteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Boise City, September 13, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother H. E. PRICKETT, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother L. F. CARTEE, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is a well written paper, referring mainly to matters of local interest. The Grand Master complains of a trespass upon the jurisdictional rights of Idaho, in that a citizen of Salmon City, Idaho, while visiting in Iowa, was made a Mason during his stay, in Clinton Lodge, No. 15, of Fairfield, Iowa, and states that he had communicated with the Grand Master of Iowa on the subject, but had received no reply.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother F. E. EUSTEN was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. H. WICKERSHAM, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Forty-second Annual Grand Communication, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, held in Central Music Hall, Chicago, October 4, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM H. SCOTT, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother FRANK HUDSON, Jr., Grand Secretary.

We admire the sentiments in the opening paragraphs of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address. Especially do we cordially endorse his recommendation to the Lodges of his jurisdiction not to accept candidates who seek thus "*to obtain a good character.*" This is a most wise and much needed admonition.

The Grand Master withdraws his edict against the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as the differences between it and the Grand Lodge of Quebec are fraternally adjusted. The Grand Master notices the estrangement between New York and Connecticut and New Mexico and Missouri, in a discreet and Masonic spirit.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother SCOTT's address is a carefully and thoughtfully prepared paper.

We must confess to some misgivings when we opened the pamphlet of 662 pages, containing the Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, at the page beginning with the "*Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence,*" which makes 433 pages of matter.

The distinguished Brother, Right Worshipful JOHN WASHINGTON BROWN, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence, can well say as he begins his labors: "To write a really good and interesting report on Masonic Correspondence is a hard task." Our Brother has, however, admirably performed his task. It is not proper for us to notice the elaborate paper in criticism of its length, or even to suggest that it is perhaps a little too prolix. That is a question solely for our distinguished Brother to decide for himself, but—there is the hidden criticism in that "but"—but does our esteemed Brother BROWN ever hope to see a Chairman of any other Committee on Masonic Correspondence follow his example?

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SIMONS of the New York Committee has failed to get up to 400 pages, or to keep up to it. Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother DRUMMOND has not reached these figures—who then can follow Right Worshipful Brother BROWN? We only

thus write on behalf of ourself and Brother MACCALLA, on behalf of all the other Chairmen of Committees on Foreign Correspondence, so that the report of our Brother BROWN may not pass into a precedent, an example, a standard for such reports, able, exhaustive, and excellent as is this report.

We do not remember that Most Worshipful Brother Dr. JOSEPH ROBBINS, the predecessor of Right Worshipful Brother BROWN, succeeded in gaining the point of 433 pages ; but if Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother SCOTT required this "hard task" of our esteemed Brother, he has well performed it.

That we may not be misunderstood, it is not to object to the matter or style or scope of this report, that we speak, it is only to give the proper name to the work. It is hardly a *Report*, it is a compilation of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges, Right Worshipful Brother BROWN reviews. A compilation, a book of reference, and as such we have greatly enjoyed reading it. It is but justice to Right Worshipful Brother BROWN to congratulate him on the most successful compilation of this "hard task."

Right Worshipful Brother BROWN in his notice of *Pennsylvania* gives prominence to Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother NISBET's address, and seems astonished that he "so illy conceives his prerogatives" as to make Masons by virtue of his presence when the person is "under age." We have elsewhere in our review noticed this criticism, and we refer our esteemed Brother BROWN to our remarks under the caption "Ohio." That it deserves "the severest condemnation," we do not regard as possible, under the prerogatives of our Grand Master, nor do we feel called upon to notice further the opinion of our esteemed Brother BROWN.

What has been said on the subject Right Worshipful BROWN so earnestly condemns, we do not take exception to, since we believe when he fully understands that the inherent faculty is, by our traditions and customs, and their immemorial exercise, vested in our Grand Master, he will

moderate, at least, his severe condemnation. We hope it will so prove. Will our esteemed and distinguished co-laborer in the field of Masonic Correspondence accept our thanks, and our satisfaction at his notice of our Grand Lodge, and his kind reception of our views?

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM H. SCOTT was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother LOYAL L. MUNN was elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

THE annual reports of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary and Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer and Board of Trustees of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana have been received. We are without any other communications from this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, which we regret.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held in the Hall of the Ok-la-ho-ma Lodge, Atoka, Choctaw Nation, October 10, 1880. Past Grand Master Brother J. S. MURROW, Special Deputy of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother P. J. BYRNE, presiding; Brother E. C. McLAUGHLIN, as Grand Secretary. This Communication was held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall of Ok-la-ho-ma Lodge, No. 4.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixth Annual Grand Communication, held in the Baptist Church, Atoka, November 2, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother P. J. BYRNE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother W. A. McBRIDE, Grand Secretary.

Among the Proceedings of the first session of this Com-

munication we find the following: "Brother MURROW moved that to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock be made the special order for installation of officers, and to listen to the address of the Grand Orator, and that it be PUBLIC. And the motion was adopted."

We earnestly and fraternally invite the attention of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory to the views we have offered under the titles "Delaware," "Kansas" and "Iowa" on this subject of public ceremonies. We do this with sincere affection for the Craft of that jurisdiction, and the earnest hope that it may tend to the benefit of the Craft everywhere.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, in his address, uses this language: "In conclusion, I wish to remind you, Brethren, that we are now enjoying the fruits of the wisdom and labor of the true and faithful workmen of the past. We are entrusted with a legacy to be used by us, and transmitted to our successors."

Then, Most Worshipful and dear Brother, why is it that this trust, committed to you, has been impaired, at least in this, that "the wisdom and labor of the true and faithful workmen of the past" never authorized PUBLIC ceremonies in the ceremonial of Freemasonry?

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is signed "J. S. MURROW." He regrets that he has been unable to make his report; he gives a few notes, which are to take the place of the elaborate report he had expected to make. He says, "Most of the Grand Lodges are also at peace; the following are the exceptions: Dakota *vs.* Minnesota, New Mexico *vs.* Missouri, New York *vs.* Connecticut; Quebec *vs.* Scotland." He says that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales requests recognition of his Grand Lodge; as to that he remarks, "the Grand Lodge of England claims that it is a spurious body, and does not recognize it. We think prudence justifies us in withholding recognition for the present." He offers a resolution recognizing the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba. Then comes this sentiment,

with a strange device, in these words, "that ghost of poverty will not down, and so we STOP."

Our Worshipful Brother MURROW's report, short as it is, is full of sound Masonic doctrine. We never have been in Indian Territory, but we know what poverty in the flesh is. If the ghost of poverty in Indian Territory is worse than that we have recognized in the flesh; if that immaterial, unreal phantom is worse to behold than the gaunt form of the real thing, we can excuse our distinguished Brother MURROW from further wrestling with the unprofitable reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother P. J. BYRNE was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. S. MURROW, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at Davenport, June 7, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN N. McCLANAHAN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THEODORE S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, in speaking under the caption "New Grand Lodges," says, that official notice had been received of new Grand Lodges in New Mexico and New South Wales, and asking for recognition. And the Grand Master further says that the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence had recommended that the application of New South Wales be withheld, but said nothing about New Mexico. There is no other subject in his address that requires our notice.

The Grand Secretary made a very elaborate report as to the condition of the Grand Lodge. Past Grand Master Brother PARVIN, late representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, filed his resignation of that office. It was tendered with a written statement, stating its reasons, setting forth his views of the American doctrine of Grand Lodge

sovereignty. This paper we have read with deep interest. We are gratified to find, on page 287 of the pamphlet before us, that Past Grand Master Brother LUCK stated that the Grand Lodge was prepared to act upon it as soon as presented, and presented the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adopts the same as the views of this Grand Lodge, and orders the same published with the Proceedings.”

Most Worshipful Brother PARVIN then presented a special report from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, accompanied by a series of resolutions—first, on Grand Lodge sovereignty, endorsing the American doctrine; second, recognizing the Grand Lodges of New Mexico and New South Wales; third, recognizing exclusive jurisdiction over all profanes and unaffiliated Masons in the State of Iowa; fourth, not to recognize dual membership; fifth, that physical qualification of a candidate is a Landmark; he hails with satisfaction the harmony between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Quebec; recognizes the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba; and congratulates the Grand Lodges of Dakota and Minnesota;—the remaining resolutions are of less importance.

In the pamphlet Proceedings, page 334, we find these words: “Evening session, second day, Wednesday, June 8, 1881. Installation of Grand Officers. Officers and members of the Grand Lodge, with a goodly number of ladies and gentlemen of the city of Davenport, having assembled at eight o’clock in the evening, in the Burtiss Opera House, Grand Master Brother McCLANAHAN called the Brethren to order, when, after solemn invocation by the Grand Chaplain, he announced that we had assembled for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers for the ensuing year.”

In regard to this violation of the Landmarks of Freemasonry, or at least of its usages, customs and traditions, we are forced to reaffirm, and here by reference insert, our remarks made upon it in this report under the heading “Grand Lodge of Delaware.” Those who glory in despoiling the

Temple, defacing its beauties, marring its symmetry, and digging up its foundation stones, may find satisfaction in the reflection that they are courting and nursing innovations, while ancient Freemasonry weeps, and hangs its head in sorrow.

Most Worshipful Brother PARVIN presents us with his annual report on Foreign Correspondence. His introductory remarks, we are sorry to say, are beneath the dignity of his duty, his character, and his position. Certainly there can be no paucity of adjectives in a jurisdiction that installs its Grand Officers in an Opera House, before an assembly of profanes. One would suppose that between 1845 and 1871, our distinguished and estimable Brother could have found a few respectable adjectives to use in the opening sentences of his address.

Our esteemed Brother notices the Pennsylvania Proceedings of 1880. We agree with his use of the adjective. "*American*" Masonry. He is undoubtedly correct, we fully agree with him, for it is Masonry in America, since there can be no American Masonry. We suppose, however, he was confused with this adjective, confounding American Masonry with the American doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty. We agree with him in his remarks as to the indebtedness of Masons and Masonry to Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, the able editor of the *Keystone*. The burden on the mind of our distinguished Brother PARVIN must have been terrible, its weight oppressive, as shown by his introductory notice of Pennsylvania. He winds it up by saying, "we are relieved now, and shall resume our wonted way." Will our esteemed and venerable Brother pardon us in saying, as we end this review of his remarks on Pennsylvania, that the simple truths of Freemasonry as taught and practiced in Pennsylvania, are like some other great truths aforetime were, "to the Jews a stumbling-block, and to the Greek foolishness." We are glad our Brother commends the conservatism of Pennsylvania, and we wish here to take exception to the poetic quotation on page 156, with which he

attempts to set off his notice of this conservatism. He says, "our Brethren are:

"— of a free and open nature,
That thinks men honest that but seem to be so,
And will as tenderly be led by the nose
As asses are.'"

Possibly this public installation was the tender-leading of the unreflecting Craft in Iowa. We thank our Brother PARVIN, cordially and sincerely thank him, for the personal Masonic sentiments he expresses as to ourselves. We long regarded Brother PARVIN as a power for good, or for evil, in Freemasonry in the West. He has large influence, from his character, his learning, and his culture, his Masonic knowledge, and independence in the expression of his opinions. We hope that the time will come, and soon, as the setting sun makes his shadow grow longer, and his maturity shall have fully ripened, and his retrospect of his Masonic labors shall oft be the companion of his leisure hours, that he will see, and acknowledge, that the customs and Landmarks of Freemasonry are founded on eternal truth, and that all who seek to maintain them are deserving of the gratitude of all true Masons.

IRELAND.

THE Right Worshipful Grand Secretary has sent to us a copy of the Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, containing a list of Grand Officers for the year 1881. From this list it appears that His Grace the DUKE OF ABERCORN, K. G., is Most Worshipful Grand Master; and the EARL OF BANDON, Lieutenant and C. R., is the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

As the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland has sent to our Right Worshipful Grand Secretary this tender of Masonic fraternity, it does not appear to your Committee

that any reason exists for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania longer to withhold its fraternal recognition.

Our Grand Lodge holds fraternal relations with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodges of England, and Scotland, and your Committee therefore asks leave to present to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania a resolution offering to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland, its fraternal salutation in the bonds of Freemasonry.

KANSAS.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-fifth Annual Grand Communication, held at Topeka, Kansas, February 16, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother JOSEPH D. McCLEVERTY, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

In the Grand Master's address we find these words of wisdom; we quote them in full, under the caption,

"PUBLICITY IN MASONIC MATTERS.

"Of late years there appears to be too great a publicity in Lodge matters. So common has this become that some of the city papers publish, once each week, a statement of all work done during the past week, and to be done in the succeeding one, even specifying degrees, and often stating who did the work or in some way mentioning the officers, thus getting somebody's 'name in the papers.' If a Mason is put upon trial for some offence, it is frequently common street-talk. If one dies, resolutions are published, lauding indifferently the best and the worst. Equally in kind is the practice of public installations. Now, I cannot but think that all this 'bodes no good,' and that some such radical cure might well be adopted, as forbidding any and all publicity save and except the single and dignified occasion of the burial of a deceased Mason, or when responding in deference to some public invitation. This publicity is looked upon, and often is, merely a kind of cheap advertising, and certainly Masonry needs nothing of that kind. It operates, too, as a substantial wrong upon the public,

since it induces membership by prompting sordid motives and hopes of personal gain, the failure to attain which, in turn, doubtless swells the long list of delinquents. Publicity is not always the index of dignity, solidity or worth, but rather the opposite."

We endorse every word that our Most Worshipful Brother McCLEVERTY here utters, and in earnest solicitude for the welfare of our Fraternity we recommended it for the perusal of those Grand Lodges which seem to take a different view.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Right Worshipful Brother BROWN. It is quite an elaborate report, carefully prepared, showing great discretion, and equal industry. Brother BROWN appears to be a disciple of our distinguished and beloved Brother DRUMMOND, of Maine, and he could not follow a more enlightened guide.

His notice of Pennsylvania is marked by the general character of the whole report. We thank our Right Worshipful Brother BROWN for his review of our Grand Lodge Proceedings. In reply to his question, why we have not interfered in the cases of the Grand Lodges of Dakota and New Mexico, "while in the struggle for the very same rights and Grand Lodge privileges laid down by the Committee?" [our Committee], we beg to answer: that we have tried to assert and maintain the principle of Grand Lodge sovereignty, and in this, at least, we have sought to give aid and comfort to every Grand Lodge in its struggles to secure it. Elsewise we do not intermeddle. Our Right Worshipful Brother's report is, as we say, elaborate and painstaking, and does partake of the character of this historic review to which we have referred; but it is so interesting, so attractive and so instructive, that we are forced now to commend and thank him for it, even at the cost of consistency.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM COWGILL was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Grand Lodge Hall, New Orleans, February 14, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother EDWIN MARKS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Grand Secretary.

The pamphlet containing these Proceedings is embellished with a likeness of Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL M. TODD, with a sketch of his Masonic life. Not being yet dead, we will only note, this biographical sketch is yet incomplete.

Most Worshipful Brother MARKS presented his annual address.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with its supplemental report, was presented by Worshipful Brother WILLIAM A. BRAINERD. The opening sentence we take pleasure in quoting as follows :

“Your Committee have not followed the beaten path made by their predecessors, nor adopted the practice of their cotemporaries in writing this report. So far as possible they have confined themselves to concise abstracts, without arrogating the power of making law, or revising the acts of Grand Masters and Grand Lodges, as many of our better informed Brethren are too much in the habit of doing. Comment has been made whenever the importance of the subject under consideration seemed to demand it, and, in this, scrupulous care has been taken not to overstep legitimate bounds.”

We think that sentiment, as Worshipful Brother BRAINERD applies it, improves his report. The notice of Pennsylvania contains all that was necessary to be said to show, what had been the action of our Grand Lodge in the year he notices. He welcomes the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges, and congratulates the Craft on the settlement of the difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec.

We cannot close our reference to Louisiana without ten-

dering to our esteemed and respected Right Worshipful Brother Dr. BATCHELOR, the assurance of our affectionate and fraternal respect. A faithful workman, faithfully at work.

Most Worshipful Brother WM. RITCHIE WHITAKER was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Portland, May 3, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES J. COLLAMORE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother IRA BERRY, Grand Secretary.

In the Grand Master's address he says:

"I installed the officers of Meridian Lodge, No. 25, at Pittsfield. The services were held in a church, and were open to the public. The citizens in large numbers availed themselves of the opportunity to witness this ceremony. The services were followed by a bountiful collation, and other festivities. Since then these Brethren have had the misfortune to lose their hall by fire."

O, Spirit of Freemasonry! Alas, what has become of the critical pen of that great light in Freemasonry, Brother DRUMMOND? Could he, did he, approve? We ask him, we ask our Most Worshipful Brother COLLAMORE, we ask "the citizens in large numbers," whether it was the respect for Freemasonry, or "the bountiful collation, and other festivities," which drew "the citizens in large numbers" to the "church?" To a church, too—curiosity to see the violation of a principle, in a church dedicated to the unalterable doctrines of an eternal God, who is "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever!" We may be charged with superstition, we don't seek to avoid the charge, you may call it by what name you will, but we here assert, that we as reverently and

as conscientiously believe that the destruction of the hall of that Lodge by fire—the hall of Meridian Lodge, No. 125, at Pittsfield, where the ceremonies of installation of its officers could only lawfully be administered—was a signal manifestation of Divine retribution for this spoiling of the heritage of Freemasonry.

Brother DRUMMOND submitted a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which we think wise and conservative, especially the resolution attached thereto, which was approved.

No one can mistake, who is familiar with the subject, that the report on Foreign Correspondence, of nearly two hundred pages, was the work of our distinguished and esteemed Brother DRUMMOND. We thank our Brother for his full examination of the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge. We shall not now enter into any further discussion with him concerning Grand Lodge sovereignty. We might just as well now, and forever, bow in submission to the granite will of this distinguished teacher in Freemasonry. We have read our remarks, which have heretofore invited his criticism. We have carefully read those criticisms, and the advantage he has over us is in the plausibility with which he states his propositions.

Let us see if we can make ourselves plain to his comprehension. In our opinion, no Grand Lodge of Freemasons within the limits of its territory can be a supreme, sovereign Masonic body, if there are Lodges of the Craft within that territory that deny allegiance to this Grand Lodge. Exceptions to this principle do not destroy the principle. Because there are Grand Bodies so situated, that can be no argument against the integrity of the principle as we assert it. There may have been instances of this kind heretofore, there may be some now, as in the case of New York. But these instances only go to the effect of intensifying the principle for which we contend. If these errors have existed, if they exist now, and there are errors as we certainly believe, then let us correct the error by maintaining and

enforcing this principle. A Grand Lodge claiming to exercise its sovereign power as such, in a territory where there are many subordinate Lodges refusing to recognize its authority, is an inchoate, incomplete body—it lacks one, at least, of its essential functions; but when this disability is removed, when it acquires sovereignty, exclusive and recognized sovereignty, it acquires its full and complete powers, and the proclamation of these complete powers reverts to sanction all its former acts, as well as those it thereafter performs. Let us try to explain our meaning by an example, in which will be found the principle for which we contend.

In a territory there are eleven Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons. Of these, five were chartered by one Grand Lodge—four by another—and two by a third Grand Lodge. The five give notice to all the Lodges, and proceed to form the Grand Lodge of that territory. The mother Grand Lodge of these five refuses to recognize this Grand Lodge, or to yield jurisdiction over its constituents. The other four then unite and establish a Grand Lodge. The remaining two refuse to unite with either Grand Body. Each of these Grand Lodges asks for Masonic recognition from the several Masonic jurisdictions of the States of the United States.

Now it may be assumed, indeed more than assumed, asserted, by each of these Grand Lodges, that it has certain Masonic authority. It certainly has jurisdiction of its own immediate subordinates. May it not warrant and constitute Lodges, but where is the supreme Masonic sovereignty over this territory lodged, vested,—in what Masonic authority?

Further, suppose these two Grand Lodges unite and establish one Grand Lodge, and even then, the mother Grand Lodges of the several constituents of both, not only refuse to recognize this united Grand Lodge, but notify other Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons that this Grand Body is assailing their authority. This, while the two Lodges in this territory refuse to surrender their charters, and come under the jurisdiction of the United

Grand Lodge. Is this either an unusual, or novel, or mere suppositious example?

Let our distinguished and able Masonic teacher, Right Worshipful Brother DRUMMOND, tell us what is the Masonic condition of that territory—chaos! yes worse—it is Masonic confusion, a mixed mass, without form or order.

Should any wise, or orderly, or conservative Grand Lodge of the Craft consent to be a party to this existing unharmony of the Craft in that territory, intermeddling by a recognition of this United Grand Lodge?

Yet it will not be denied, even by Brother DRUMMOND, that if in time, these Lodges, and the mother Grand Lodges, and the United Grand Lodge, come, as they will and would, under the influence of Masonic teachings, to a settlement of their difficulties, and the United Grand Lodge is recognized as the supreme Masonic authority in that territory, then, by virtue of the fact of recognition, every attribute of Masonic power, every element of Masonic authority, is vested in that Grand Lodge, and all its work from the beginning is sanctioned, and its sovereignty established. The vital essence of Freemasonry is breathed into that body by the—shall we be pardoned the analogy—by the Masonic sacrament of recognition, or if not that, by the inherent power in Freemasonry—or if not that, by the infusion into it by the act of recognition of so much of lawful Masonic force as is inseparable from the universality and entirety of Masonic functions. But we will not argue this question. Our distinguished and able Brother will so transform our propositions, that we would not be surprised to see, in some future report, the most extraordinary interpretation, of the views we have here feebly attempted to express. We shall always be happy to receive light from the able Masonic teachings of our distinguished Brother, and it gratifies us to see that he admits “that we have almost always agreed.” If our Brother will do us the distinguished honor to read what we have written under caption “Delaware,” and under this caption of

“Maine,” on the subject of “Public Installations,” it possibly may be that we may agree again.

Most Worshipful Brother MARQUIS F. KING was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother IRA BERRY was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Baltimore, June 9, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN M. CARTER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. H. MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary, called for the purpose of dedicating new Masonic Temple of Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 116, at Towsontown.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Baltimore, September 30, 1880, with same Grand Officers, called for the purpose of celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Baltimore.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirty-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Baltimore, November 3, 1880. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN S. TYSON, Deputy Grand Master, presiding; Right Worshipful Brother J. H. MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address was presented. Reference is made to the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of the founding of the City of Baltimore. A report was received from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, signed by Brother F. J. S. GORGAS, for the Committee. The report states that the Grand Lodge of Maryland is in fraternal accord with all the Grand Lodges with which they are in correspondence. The report further states that there appears a disposition on the part of some of the European Grand Masonic Bodies to pay but slight respect to the American system of jurisdiction, as they persist in the un-Masonic practice of establishing

and recognizing clandestine organizations in this country, and give no attention whatever to remonstrances from the Grand Bodies whose authority they thus set aside. He refers to the settlement of the Quebec-Scotland controversy, notices the contention between Connecticut and New York, and agrees with New York, refers to the question of perpetual jurisdiction, notices the difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Tennessee, and refers to the settlement of the troubles between the Grand Lodges of Dakota and Minnesota, and New Mexico and Missouri. The report thus states :

“During the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States at Detroit, in August last, at the suggestion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Michigan, a meeting was held of the representatives of the various Grand Lodges who were at that time in the city of Detroit.”

“The Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland being on an important Committee of the General Grand Chapter, which met on the same evening appointed for the conference of representatives of Grand Lodges, Past Grand Senior Warden E. J. OPPELT represented our Grand Body.

“Some twenty-five American Grand Lodges were represented at this Conference, and responses were read from twenty Grand Masters, among the number that of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland.

“The object of this meeting was to consider the propriety of organizing a ‘Court of Arbitration’ of the American Grand Lodges, for the purpose of deciding questions of Jurisdiction and Masonic Law which might arise between them. By the unanimous consent of all present, the Chairman of the meeting, Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother McGRATH, of Michigan, was authorized to issue a circular letter inviting the coöperation of all the American Grand Lodges in perfecting such an organization.

“It was clearly understood that the proposed ‘Court of Arbitration’ should have no jurisdiction, except by request of Grand Bodies in controversy, and that the decisions rendered should be accepted as final on the part of those interested.”

The above extract contains information to which we are entire strangers. We have never received any intimation of any such intended proceedings, nor information that they had taken place. We take this opportunity, however, to state, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will in our view never be a party to any such arrangement.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Baltimore, April 20, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN S. TYSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. H. MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary. Called to make arrangements to dedicate the Masonic Hall of Coates Lodge, No. 102, at Easton; on May 4, 1880, the said Hall was dedicated.

PROCEEDINGS of Semi-Annual Communication, held at Baltimore, May 10, 1881. The Grand Lodge held its 189th Stated Communication, having met semi-annually for ninety-four and a half years. Same Grand Officers.

The Grand Master delivered an address, covering his official acts.

The report of Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Brother FERDINAND J. S. GORGAS, M. D., Chairman of Committee. It is a brief review of the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, and notices the Proceedings of Pennsylvania for 1880. We beg to return our fraternal thanks for his kind notice of ourself, personally. There is no necessity for our esteemed and distinguished Brother GORGAS to offer any apology for the length of his report. Its reading has given us great satisfaction. He shows wise discrimination in his references to the Proceedings of the several Grand Bodies, and we trust that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland will regard the necessity of granting to Brother GORGAS the largest liberty in the preparation and publishing of his excellent Masonic views.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN S. TYSON was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. H. MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held January 14, 1881, at Winchester. Most Worshipful Brother SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother TRACY P. CHEEVER, Recording Grand Secretary. The purpose of the Communication was the dedication of the new apartments of the William Parkman Lodge, and the installation of its officers.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Taunton, January 19, 1881, with same Grand Officers, called to dedicate new Masonic Hall of King David Lodge.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Boston, March 9, 1881, with same Grand Officers. There was a report of the Special Committee on the death of Past Grand Master Brother JOHN T. HEARD, and an *In memoriam* service was held.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Brockton, May 10, 1881, with same Grand Officers, called for purpose of dedicating new Masonic apartments of Paul Revere Lodge.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Boston, June 8, 1881, with same Grand Officers.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Boston, September 14, 1881, with same Grand Officers.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held October 1, December 4, and December 8, and 28, 1880. That of October 1, 1880, was held at Randolph, Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES A. WELCH, Grand Master ; and Right Worshipful Brother TRACY P. CHEEVER, Grand Secretary, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic apartments of Norfolk Union Lodge. That of December 4, 1880, was held

at Boston, with same Grand Officers. The purpose was to attend the funeral of Past Grand Master Brother JOHN T. HEARD.

PROCEEDINGS of Annual Grand Communication, held at Boston, December 8, 1880, with same Grand Officers. Grand Master Brother WELCH delivered his address. At this Communication, Right Worshipful Brother SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother TRACY P. CHEEVER, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Stated Communication, held at Boston, December 28, 1880. The installation services of the Grand Master were then performed. There is a very interesting account of the Grand Feast, on St. John's Day.

MICHIGAN.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Mount Clements, October 21, 1880, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Macomb County Court House. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. McGRATH, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered a beautiful and classic address, which we cordially commend for its taste, its style, its historic references, and its general high character. We commend it to all students of Freemasonry, and, if our distinguished and most excellent Brother, Past Grand Master PARVIN will permit us, we beg that he will read it. To those of the Craft who consider that Masonry began at the building of King Solomon's Temple, and to others, who say it began in England in 1717, or some other time, we commend this address of Most Worshipful Brother McGRATH. We have always maintained, and do still maintain, that the origin of Freemasonry is to be found in

those ancient Eastern cults, which mark the origin and spread of light among the initiates between two and three thousand years before the Christian era. This address, therefore, is to us an exceeding gratification.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirty-seventh Annual Grand Communication, held January 25-26, 1881, at Harmonic Hall, Detroit. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. McGRATH, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered an address, in which he states that he appointed Worshipful Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that Right Worshipful Brother HUGH McCURDY had been acknowledged as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania near the Grand Lodge of Michigan. The Grand Master seems to have a great many questions to answer, and decisions to make. We do not notice them except thus wise, as they relate to the domestic concerns of his own Grand Lodge. We observe that a Masonic Funeral Service was ordered by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which appears most appropriate.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Secretary. Brother INNES' report is certainly not prolix. We admire his terseness, and congratulate him on saying much in very few words, which is a great art. He says all that is necessary to indicate the important action of the several Grand Lodges whose Proceedings he reviews.

Most Worshipful Brother OLIVE L. SPAULDING was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. P. INNES, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at St. Paul, January 11, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother H. R. WELLS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba. He refers to the relations between Minnesota and Dakota, and expects an early and happy settlement of the difficulties. There is nothing else in his address that requires special notice.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, we promptly recognize as the work of our distinguished Right Worshipful Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, its Chairman. The Proceedings of Pennsylvania for 1879 are noticed. Brother PIERSON is a writer of large ability, a careful thinker, enlightening the Craft, and his contributions to Masonic literature and jurisprudence are exceedingly valuable. His report under review evinces great industry and condensation. He notes all that is important in the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges. We congratulate the Craft in Michigan that they have such a Grand Master, and such a Grand Secretary, whose scholarly attainments attract attention. We have been very much interested in reading the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge. We beg to extend to Brother PIERSON our sincere acknowledgments for his most complimentary allusion to ourself.

Most Worshipful Brother H. R. WELLS was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Jackson, February 9, 1881. Most Worshipful

Brother WILLIAM FRENCH, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. L. POWER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address refers largely to matters relating to their own jurisdiction; also to the difficulty between the Grand Lodges of New York and Connecticut, and to physical qualifications. The pamphlet Proceedings contain reports of the Grand Representatives near that Grand Lodge, which is somewhat unusual.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is from Worshipful Brother J. M. HOWRY, for the Committee. He dissects the Proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, and takes from them what he conceives to be of interest to the Craft, and so it is. This report now under review is equal to his report of last year, which we justly commended. We hail Brother HOWRY as a most valuable coadjutor in the field of Foreign Correspondence of Grand Lodges. His work is admirable, his Masonic views sound and conservative, his reports of great value, and highly interesting. We trust he will long continue in the position to which he does honor, and we crave his aid in the preservation and maintenance of the Landmarks of Freemasonry. His notice of Pennsylvania is gratefully acknowledged.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN F. McCORMICK was elected Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Louis, October 11, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. S. STUBBLEFIELD, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Rev. Brother JOHN D. VINCIL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master says, that their relations with all Grand Lodges are fraternal, excepting with New Mexico;

that cut off all fraternal relations with them, and he refers to the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for further information in regard to it.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother VINCIL. There was also a special report, with regard to Scotland and Quebec. It extends recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. There is a special report on the difficulty between Missouri and New Mexico. The controversy in this case was, that Silver City Lodge, No. 465, in New Mexico, refused to acknowledge the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. The report on this subject by the Chairman, Brother VINCIL, is very elaborate. The Grand Lodge of New Mexico declared Silver City Lodge clandestine, because it would not acknowledge its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. Silver City Lodge felt rather aggrieved at this, and it was a stumbling-block to a final settlement of the trouble. The Grand Lodge of Missouri asked the Grand Lodge of New Mexico to withdraw its edict against Silver City Lodge, with the understanding that Silver City Lodge would surrender its charter, and come under the jurisdiction of New Mexico, which resulted in the harmonious settlement of the trouble.

The annual report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence comes up to the high standard Brother VINCIL established in his first report as Chairman of this Committee. His notice of Pennsylvania, like his notice of all the other Grand Lodges, is full and complete. Right Worshipful Brother VINCIL does not understand how our Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother NISBET can make a man "under age" a Mason. He says "under age" is not lawful Masonic age, consequently he contends the Landmarks have been broken. This is very sad, very sad, very sad! But let us tell Brother VINCIL, that when the Grand Master of Pennsylvania by virtue of his authority, plenary and supreme, makes an individual a Mason, in contemplation of Masonic law he is then and there *eo instante* of lawful age.

So much for the Landmark. We are gratified that Brother VINCIL takes our suggestion as to New Mexico in kindness—it was so intended—we are gratified to know that the trouble is ended, and harmony prevails between Missouri and New Mexico; at least we have received lawful Masonic information that such is the fact at the time of writing this report. Esteemed Brother VINCIL, Brother MACCALLA's prayers are lay prayers. He has never been anointed with the holy oil, nor has there ever been any super-imposition of hands upon him; but you ought to hear him, as we sit together, going over the work of this report, utter his unclerical prayers. I will give you an example: "I do pray you, Brother VAUX, stop a moment and let us take a rest. I do hope and pray, Brother VAUX, that you will stop reading that report on Jurisprudence. I understand it." Opening the Proceedings of Missouri, looking up from his writing, "I hope and pray that Brother VINCIL's report is as good this time as it was last; there is some pleasure in hearing it read;"—and after awhile, working all night, looking up at the hands of the clock as they point to the small hours of the morning, then hear Brother MACCALLA change his tune—quit praying, and begin at me something like this: "Right Worshipful Sir, I swear I am going home." You may well believe in prayer; so do I—but not the prayer of that "waggish preacher"—MACCALLA is a better hand than that apprentice.

We are right happy to see by Brother VINCIL's report that he did not expect much from the tender mercies to which we consigned him. We congratulate him upon the labor he has expended upon this paper, and we tender to him our sincere regard and fraternal friendship.

Most Worshipful Brother ALEX. M. DOCKERY was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother Rev. JOHN D. VINCIL, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Bozeman, September 16, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother GEO. W. MONROE, Deputy Grand Master, acting as Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary.

The address of Grand Master Brother HIRAM KNOWLES was read by the Grand Secretary, owing to his absence. This address we have read with great pleasure. It is an exceedingly able paper.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report, recognizing the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba. The annual report is the work of Right Worshipful Brother HEDGES, a position he has long held, with honor to himself and credit to his Grand Lodge. This report is equal to its predecessors written by him.

Most Worshipful Brother GEO. W. MONROE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventeenth Annual Grand Communication held at Virginia City, June 14, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother DEWITT C. MCKENNEY, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. HAMMOND, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is short, and contains nothing that requires special notice.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from Very Worshipful ROBERT H. TAYLOR, Chairman. It is an elaborate, exhaustive report; charming reading, enlightened by brilliant scintillations of fun; quotes largely, and with great discretion. We have enjoyed its reading vastly. We rejoice that our old Brother, who came to see us in 1842, is able to do this sort of work, and do it well.

Yes, we are the same VAUX, and we are young enough to hugely enjoy the bright and sparkling style of our old and venerable Brother. We pray the Great Architect of the Universe to bless him, and keep him in health and prosperity, and the Grand Lodge of Nevada to continue him until the end of time as Chairman of its Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We don't care so much about his being Grand Secretary, but do, pray, never let him go out of that Committee.

Most Worshipful Brother HORATIO S. MASON was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. HAMMOND, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fourteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at St. John, April 26, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT MARSHALL, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is a pleasant paper, but nothing in it calls for special mention.

The report of the "Committee on Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges," refers to the communications that came before them from St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary ; and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in this report gives them some fraternal advice.

Most Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN R. STEVENSON was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PROCEEDINGS of Semi-Annual Communication held at Masonic Hall, Manchester, December 28, 1880. Most Wor-

shipful Brother ANDREW BUNTON, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Secretary. The Communication was held to exemplify the work.

PROCEEDINGS of Annual Communication held at Masonic Temple, Concord, May 13, 1881, same Grand Officers.

Grand Master BUNTON presented his annual address. In this address, under the caption "Egyptian Rite," he remarks that he understood the Lodge in Portsmouth had had an application for the use of their Hall for the purpose of conferring the degrees of the Egyptian Rite. He forbids the use of the Hall for the working of any degrees not recognized by the regularly constituted Masonic bodies. He claims no authority over this rite, but he can in no way officially recognize it. He warns the Craft against any entanglement with it, or any other rite not recognized by the Grand Lodge. He has examined somewhat into the subject, and is satisfied that it should in no way receive Masonic recognition. This quotation from the address satisfies us that the Grand Master is eminently conservative, and properly appreciates the obligations of Freemasonry.

Worshipful Brother A. S. WAIT makes a special report on Foreign Correspondence, recognizing the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba. He also presents his annual report from that Committee. Brother WAIT reviews Pennsylvania in condensed style, full enough to be very fraternal, and clear enough to induce every one to understand the work of this Grand Lodge for 1880. This is the characteristic of the whole report, and it does credit to our esteemed Brother. His "conclusion" is most admirable, and we should like to put it bodily into our report, it treats so fairly the American doctrine of Grand Lodge Sovereignty ; though we cannot agree with him, we admire the spirit in which he writes.

Most Worshipful Brother FRANK A. McKEAN was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninety-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Taylor Hall, Trenton, January 19, 20, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother HAMILTON WALLIS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH H. HOUGH, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother WALLIS presented his annual address. Under the caption, "Foreign Jurisdictions," he refers to the adjustment of the difficulties between Colon and Cuba, and Scotland and Quebec, and congratulates the Craft in both jurisdictions on the happy termination of their controversies; refers to the difficulty between Connecticut and New York, and hopes it will be amicably adjusted; states "a suggestion was made to me early in the summer looking to the formation of a Tribunal of Arbitration by the Grand Lodges of the Continent, to which all such disputes and misunderstandings might be referred by mutual consent. I am satisfied, if such a scheme were possible, it would certainly be salutary."

We take the liberty to remark, upon these views of Grand Master WALLIS, that in our judgment they would beneither salutary nor permissible.

The Grand Master gives some very correct views under the title, "Territorial Jurisdiction of Lodges." In our judgment every Grand Lodge ought to be able to adopt a system which would end all the disputes to which he refers. To us it seems far more important, for every Grand Lodge to enforce stringent rules preventing subordinate Lodges on the boundary lines of Grand Lodges, making Masons of citizens of either jurisdiction indiscriminately.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by our esteemed and Worshipful Brother JAMES A. NORTON. We are gratified that Brother NORTON has so largely improved his reports by so industrious a review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges. His notice of Pennsylvania is so courteous as to demand our gratification and thanks.

It is but simple justice to our distinguished Brother NORTON to say, that this report is most admirable, and we hope he will long remain to hold the reportorial pen in our sister jurisdiction.

Most Worshipful Brother JOSEPH W. MARTIN was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH H. HOUGH, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

PROCEEDINGS of the Third Annual Grand Communication, held on January 17, 1881, at Las Vegas. Most Worshipful Brother WM. L. RYNERSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother DAVID J. MILLER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, sets out the whole matter in controversy between the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and Silver City Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Missouri. It is a very able and conclusive paper, and does Grand Master RYNERSON infinite credit. His remarks are eminently Masonic, and he has a just comprehension of Masonic jurisprudence. We have received lawful Masonic information that Silver City Lodge, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, has, since the date of the Grand Master's address to which we refer, surrendered its warrant, and subjected itself to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. Thus the controversy between Missouri and New Mexico on this subject is ended, and fraternal relations and Masonic recognitions have taken place between these Grand Lodges. Pennsylvania now can extend to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico her fraternal salutations. The principle of Grand Lodge sovereignty which we have so earnestly labored to sustain, has triumphed in this case, as it ever will when calm Masonic judgment comes from calm Masonic reflection. Pennsylvania, following her traditional custom, not heedlessly to assume participation in Masonic dif-

ferences between Masonic bodies by taking part with either, has satisfied herself to rest content with enunciating what she thinks sound Masonic principles of Masonic jurisprudence, and quietly waiting until these principles, being fully considered, shall at last be the rule of action in all cases like the present. This Committee could not heretofore recognize New Mexico, because she was neither supreme nor sovereign in her jurisdiction; but since all Lodges there, and the whole Craft, recognize the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and there are none to contravene this acknowledgment, we rejoice to be able to extend to this new Grand Lodge our cordial and most fraternal salutations, and shall ask the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its present Communication, to recognize it.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother A. Z. HUGGINS.

Most Worshipful Brother SIMON B. NEWCOMB was elected Grand Secretary, and Right Worshipful Brother DAVID J. MILLER, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

PROCEEDINGS of the One Hundredth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, New York City, June 7, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother JESSE B. ANTHONY, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JAMES M. AUSTIN, M. D., Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master refers to the continued disagreement with the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He says that it was proposed to submit it to arbitration, and that he was authorized to respond to any application for the purpose that might be made by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, but he was not called upon to act, as the Grand Lodge of Connecticut would not consent to arbitrate until the edict of non-intercourse was revoked. He refers to the ceremonies of the

One Hundreth Anniversary of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, and to the interesting ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the foundation upon which was erected the Egyptian obelisk. These are the only points requiring our notice.

Grand Master ANTHONY also presented an historical address, the reading of which constituted a part of the ceremonies of the Centennial Celebration. The oration of Right Worshipful Brother FRANK R. LAWRENCE, delivered on this occasion, is also presented. Both of these productions are eminently illustrative of the Craft literature in the jurisdiction of our sister Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence makes a very excellent report, full and concise, the work of our distinguished Brother, Past Grand Master JOHN W. SIMONS, who is unsurpassed whenever he takes the Masonic pen.

The annual report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master SIMONS. It needs no other commendation. Our esteemed Brother, in noticing Pennsylvania, quotes us upon the "Webotuck" matter, and honors us by his approbation, and gratifies us by his Masonic friendship.

It would be considered, and properly, a mark of Masonic impropriety for us to make any suggestion to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York as to the course or policy it should pursue as to the subject of its domestic relations; and now we only venture to make a suggestion to our Most Worshipful and esteemed Brother SIMONS, on a question which in itself is important to all the Grand Lodge jurisdictions of the Craft. We ask Brother SIMONS whether the time has not arrived, in view of the almost universal acceptance of the American doctrine of Grand Lodge jurisdiction, that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York should compel all the Lodges within its jurisdiction to acknowledge its sovereignty. There are, we believe, two or more Lodges within five miles of the Masonic Temple in New York City, holding charters from other Grand Lodges

than the Grand Lodge of New York, claiming to be Lodges of the Craft (conferring the rites and privileges of Freemasonry on applicants,) that are, it is said, warranted and constituted by European Grand Lodges. Our distinguished Brother SIMONS can correct us if we are in error, but this is our understanding of the facts. Is it not time, Most Worshipful Brother SIMONS, to compel these Lodges to surrender their charters, and come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, or to declare them clandestine and forbid all intercourse with them? If the American doctrine means anything, it means all that it protests. If the Grand Lodge of New York has already acted, we trust our distinguished Brother SIMONS will republish the proceedings. We in vain have looked for them. While we cheerfully grant that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York is not an infallible teacher, nor an unqualified example in Freemasonry, yet the inconsistency is glaring of maintaining a doctrine that it does not carry out. These Lodges, if there are any, should be required to acknowledge their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New York, or they should be declared clandestine. We make these remarks only for the purpose of inviting attention to them by Most Worshipful Brother SIMONS, so that, if the Grand Lodge of New York has acted, her action may be republished, for we believe that the republication of the edict of excommunication would have a most beneficial influence at this time.

Most Worshipful Brother HORACE S. TAYLOR was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JAMES M. AUSTIN, M. D., Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—While preparing this report we have learned, with sincere sorrow, of the death of our valued Masonic Brother Right Worshipful Brother JAMES M. AUSTIN, M. D. Earnest in his zeal, he exercised all his powers for the best interests of his Grand Lodge and the Craft under its jurisdiction. He faithfully served his Grand Lodge as its Right Worshipful Grand Secretary for many years. Devoted more to the discharge of his official duties than to the good of the Craft in

general, without that enlarged comprehension of the principles of Freemasonry which throw Masonic light to the circumference of the Craft, he was a true Mason, a faithful Mason, a sincere friend, an accomplished gentleman, while an exemplary officer. We lay upon his new-made grave this sprig of acacia, to symbolize to our Brethren in New York our regret at the loss of so worthy a member of the Brotherhood, and to testify to the Craft everywhere a just appreciation of his Masonic virtues.

NORTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Ninety-fourth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, held at the Masonic Hall, Raleigh, December 7, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother the Hon. WILLIAM R. COX, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

The address of Grand Master Cox is an interesting paper. He refers to the settlement of the difficulties between Colon and Cuba, and Scotland and Quebec. His views as to the duty of Grand Lodges, particularly the action of North Carolina in not interfering with disputes in other jurisdictions, receives our cordial assent. Under the caption "Foreign Correspondence" we quote the following remarks:

"The report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when carefully prepared, is the most instructive and interesting part of your published proceedings. It brings you in contact with the whole Masonic world, traversing states and empires, embracing continents, and visiting even the isles of the sea. By it we are brought in contact with the ablest Masonic minds, and familiarized with their rulings and views. It affords me pleasure to testify to the scholarly and elaborate report of this character, prepared by your committee for the last annual communication. To impress you with the amount of labor bestowed on its preparation, I make the following extract from the report:

"The work assigned to your Committee is one of great

magnitude, involving the examination of more than forty reports of the annual proceedings of Grand jurisdictions, and the reading, more or less carefully, of more than ten thousand pages of closely-printed matter.'

"Of the fifty-six reports of proceedings exchanged with your Grand Body, all have a report on Foreign Correspondence published in their proceedings, with some fifteen exceptions. Many of these reports are prepared in the most thorough manner, and display great literary ability and Masonic knowledge, and in some cases as much as over two hundred pages of closely-printed matter.

"It is not to be expected that one should consent, as a mere matter of favor, for any length of time, to gratuitously give his labor in the preparation of such reports. Unless they are skillfully and carefully prepared, their usefulness is materially lessened. I therefore recommend that the chairman of this committee shall be a salaried officer."

We sincerely regret that our Worshipful Brother R. T. GRAY, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, should have given us so meagre a report, for we find on page 4 of the appendix, this note: "The Committee on Publication on account of unavoidable circumstances, which delayed publication of the Proceedings, decide to omit the reviews prepared by a Committee on Foreign Correspondence." We regret this decision of the Committee, because Worshipful Brother GRAY in the concluding paragraph of his report says, "*Mr. J. A. L. Harris kindly aided him in reviewing the Proceedings of sister jurisdictions.*" We earnestly hope that our esteemed Brother Most Worshipful Grand Master Cox, and our Worshipful Brother GRAY, and *Mr. J. A. L. Harris*, and the Committee on Publication, will hold an early meeting, and so arrange that the Craft will not be deprived of the pleasure of reading the next report of the able Chairman of the Committee, Brother GRAY.

Most Worshipful Brother HARRY F. GRAINGER, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixteenth Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, held in Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on the 1st of June, 1881. Right Worshipful LEWIS JOHNSTONE, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, and Right Worshipful BENJAMIN CURREN, Grand Secretary.

The Deputy Grand Master opens his address by a reference to the death of Most Worshipful Grand Master ALLEN HILL CROWE. The address is of necessity a short statement of the condition of the Grand Lodge. The circular letter of the Deputy Grand Master, announcing to the Craft the death of its Grand Master, is most appropriate.

Right Worshipful Brother DAVID C. MOORE, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made his report. We deplore the loss of Most Worshipful Grand Master CROWE, because he was Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia last year. We offer our deep and earnest sympathy with the Craft in Nova Scotia, at the death of so earnest, true and enlightened a Craftsman. Worshipful Brother MOORE comes to the task of Chairman with a full sense of its importance, and he has well done his work.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM TAYLOR, A. B., was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN CURREN, D. C. L., Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

PROCEEDINGS of the Seventy-first Annual Grand Communication, held at City Hall, Columbus, October 19, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother REUBEN C. LEMMON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master LEMMON made a written communication, giving a statement of his official acts during the recess of the Grand Lodge. From this it appears that our distinguished Brother has by no means a sinecure. The statement of his labors shows that he has kept actively at work for the benefit of the Craft. The Grand Lodge of Ohio recognized Brother WM. CUNNINGHAM as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania near the Grand Lodge of Ohio. There is nothing else in the pamphlet before us that demands further notice.

Most Worshipful Brother REUBEN C. LEMMON was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of the Seventy-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Music Hall, Toledo, October 18, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother REUBEN C. LEMMON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master details his official acts and decisions, refers to the settlement of the difficulty between Scotland and Quebec, and to those then pending, but now happily closed, between Minnesota and Dakota, and Missouri and New Mexico, and concludes with obituary reference to the decease of distinguished Masons during the preceding year.

Brother RICHARDS, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported resolutions recognizing the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and the Grand Lodge of Colombia and Cuba, which were adopted.

On motion of Brothers S. S. WILLIAMS and E. M. COCHRAN, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was also recognized.

Action was taken providing for the formation of a Grand Lodge Library, and a Committee on Library was appointed.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is made by Worshipful Brother R. E. RICHARDS, Chairman. Our

Brother has, as he states, just begun the performance of the, by no means easy, task which attaches to this position.

Under this view of his report we are led to withhold some criticisms, which otherwise we would have written.

It is an able, carefully prepared, and most singularly creditable first effort, and we hope that greater experience will have the effect of correcting imperfections that necessarily mar the paper now under review.

In our esteemed Brother's notice of Pennsylvania, there are expressions which we think emanate from a cynical spirit, that cannot pass without remark. Our distinguished Brother may be a disciple, like Diogenes aforetime, in the school founded by that old Greek philosopher, Antisthenes, and if so, that may be a palliation.

Speaking of the action of our Grand Lodge in a matter wholly within its own province to determine, "This is, to say the least, charitable," savors rather of a sneer. Again, "Following is another 'peculiarity' which was promptly 'sat down on' by the Grand Lodge." This notice of the manner in which our Grand Lodge acted in the case in question partakes rather of slang.

In noticing the election of Right Worshipful, the Hon. SAMUEL B. DICK, as Grand Master, and giving an extract from his address, our esteemed Brother RICHARDS says, "This was certainly a 'new departure' to which the Brother afterwards alluded in his inaugural." Our Brother RICHARDS greatly mistakes the difference between a "NEW" and a "*wide*" departure. The "*new*" departure of Ohio was a violation of a fundamental principle, as we thought at the time. The "*wide*" departure from the former policy of electing Grand Masters from "near the fountain head" of Masonry in Pennsylvania, violates no principle, though it may be unusual in practice. If our Grand Lodge has, as Brother RICHARDS thinks or says, "an immense elephant" "on its hands in shape of grand Masonic Temple in Philadelphia," the Craft in Pennsylvania has asked no other jurisdiction to help it keep and support this "elephant." While

our Masonic Temple Loan is from 8 to 15 per cent. above par in the open market, our Brother need not now concern himself as to our financial condition.

The condemnation by our esteemed Brother of the action of Right Worshipful Grand Master NISBET in making a Mason "of a youth under age" is permissible. It was in the view of Brother RICHARDS violative of a landmark. This being his opinion, he is fully justified in condemning it.

But our distinguished Brother has yet to learn that when a Grand Master of Pennsylvania makes a profane a Mason, if he be a young man under age, the very act of conferring on him the rights and privileges of Freemasonry constitutes "the young man" of lawful Masonic age. There is "wide" distinction between the legal age of a profane, and Masonic "majority." So made, his position in the Craft is assured, and his requirements for Freemasonry are not to be examined thereafter by any Masonic authority. Besides, our Landmark especially confers on our Grand Masters this Masonic authority.

It will be worthy of the careful consideration of our esteemed Brother RICHARDS, that it is not "legal age" which is required in a candidate. The standard which profane law erects to qualify the profane for legal rights at majority, is not applicable as a qualification for Masonic rights and privileges. This standard is of comparatively modern enactment. The "perfect youth" of "mature age" may or may not be, under many systems of civil jurisprudence, of *legal* age.

Our system makes no mention of legal age. Masonic law requires mature, or lawful age for all its initiates. Either of these may be more or less than the civil law standard, among different countries, climates and peoples. For general convenience, as an accepted rule, the legal majority, or twenty-one years, is by custom adopted in most Masonic jurisdictions as the minimum age for candidates; but it is only for convenience, and is not a landmark.

Custom may authorize this rule. This custom, in our

Grand Lodge jurisdiction, is universal, except that by an equally potent, but long prior custom, our Right Worshipful Grand Masters have invested in them the power to make a youth, not of legal age, or a youth under age, as it is called, a Freemason. When our Grand Masters confer the rights and privileges, the youth is by that act of lawful, mature Masonic age. If a landmark is violated, then it would be proper to enforce the remedies against any Masonic authority's violation of a landmark of Freemasonry, but since Freemasonry existed in Pennsylvania, Grand Masters have held and exercised the power over a general custom by the authority of a prior unquestioned authority.

We do not know what a Grand Master in Ohio might "dare" to do, or how he might "so far forget himself," but this we think, that such language, even under the veil of its application to a Grand Master of Ohio, is not in that style of criticism which is permissible in a report on Foreign Correspondence, when the action of a Grand Master of another jurisdiction is being examined.

Lastly, we quote :

"From the following it would seem that the Grand Master of Pennsylvania is a superior being, not to be rudely approached by the common herd—take off your hats, Brethren :

" 'All communications from subordinate Lodges requiring the attention of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge must be made through their respective District Deputy Grand Masters, except in case of an appeal from their decision.' "

This language we take occasion to designate as impertinent.

While we have felt justified in making these comments on the very admirable report of our esteemed Brother RICHARDS, it gives less regret, since the youth and inexperience and lack of that knowledge of conventional proprieties which mark this "first effort," will doubtless prevent their repetition hereafter.

We beg our distinguished Brother to receive from us

those fraternal salutations which the Masonic heart freely offers when it has the moral consciousness that they are, as in this case especially, honestly merited.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES C. KIEFER was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. CALDWELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Portland, June 13, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother R. P. EARHART, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother F. J. BABCOCK, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master EARHART presented his address. There is nothing in it that invites particular notice at this time. Brother J. R. N. BELL, Grand Orator, made a short and happy oration, at the Communication of the Grand Lodge on June 14th. Right Worshipful Brother S. F. CHADWICK made a special report on the difficulty between Connecticut and New York, accompanied with a resolution of fraternal advice to New York, the propriety of which, especially the language, we hardly think justifiable from the facts. The Committee intended by the resolution to offer suggestions of harmony, but the structure of the resolution goes beyond the limits which the Committee doubtless proposed. The Most Worshipful Grand Master calls attention to and commends, in his address, Brother CHADWICK's annual report on Foreign Correspondence. All he has said about it, it fully merits. Worshipful Brother CHADWICK has a happy faculty for the discharge of the duties peculiar to this Committee. He masters the Proceedings of each Grand Lodge, and in a very happy style, gives his epitome. There is another faculty our esteemed Brother has, which we envy; he can get out of his mistakes more easily and more gracefully than any one we know. If he does make a mistake in spelling a

fellow's name, because he doesn't know anything about it, when you read his explanation, it is so charming, and shifts the responsibility so dexterously on the devil, that you are really glad that he made it. Brother MACCALLA, who is an editor and lawyer, after reading that portion to which we have just referred, says that the provision in the criminal code that no man shall kill another, ought certainly to apply to any compositor who sets up "Rotary shed" for "Rose bed," which latter, we suppose, is the couch on which our distinguished Brother occasionally reclines. But it is a capital report, this report on Foreign Correspondence, and we thank him cordially for what he says of Pennsylvania.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE M. STROUD was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother F. J. BABCOCK Grand Secretary, and we are delighted to see that Brother CHADWICK is still Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of the Semi-Annual Communication held at Freemasons' Hall, Georgetown, December 15, 1880. Right Worshipful Brother NEIL McKELVIE, Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother G. W. WAKEFORD, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixth Annual Grand Communication, held at the city of Charlottetown, June 24, 1881, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN YEO, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother G. W. WAKEFORD, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Master Brother JOHN YEO was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother G. W. WAKEFORD, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twelfth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, held at Montreal, September 28, 1881.

The pamphlet purporting to contain these proceedings gives the address of Most Worshipful Brother JOHN H. GRAHAM, LL.D., Grand Master, delivered at the Twelfth Annual Grand Communication. It is a very interesting address, covering the questions of foreign relations generally, and domestic relations between the Grand Lodges of the Provinces. It officially states the settlement of the difficulties between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec; that the Grand Lodge of Quebec refused to accept the conditional recognition of it by the Grand Lodge of England; declares for the American doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty; sets out in full the correspondence between the Grand Master of England and the Grand Master of Quebec; and concludes with the following historical sketch:—

“ VIRGINIA—‘ EXCLUSIVE ’ GRAND LODGE SOVEREIGNTY, U. S. A.

“ In 1779, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in the due exercise of her constitutional prerogatives, ‘ *ordered* ’ all Lodges within her territory, holding charters from England, Scotland and Ireland, to become enrolled on her Registry.

“ MASSACHUSETTS—‘ LODGE OF ST. ANDREW.’

“ In 1782, the doctrine of the British constitutions was formally annunciated by the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the St. Andrew’s Lodge, Boston, Scottish constitution, having refused to become of obedience to the United Lodge at the union of the two therefore Grand Lodges, in 1792; and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts having for *four* years tried ‘ invitation and persuasion ’ to induce St. Andrew’s Lodge to become enrolled on her Registry, and such means proving of no avail, she

adopted in 1796, the following resolution, or rather 'permanent regulation':

" 'The Grand Lodge will not hold communication with, or admit as visitors, any Masons residing in this State, who hold authority under, and acknowledge, the supremacy of any foreign Grand Lodge; or who do not, by their representatives, communicate with, and pay their dues to, this Grand Lodge.'

" CONNECTICUT.

"In answer to an appeal from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to the other Grand Lodges of the United States, to endorse and uphold the action which she had thus taken, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut passed the following resolution:

" '*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will not hold communication or correspondence with any Mason or Masons, citizens of the United States, Lodge or Lodges, who acknowledge the supremacy of any foreign Grand Lodge, or who do not, by their representatives, communicate and pay their dues to the Grand Lodge of the State where they are constituted or where they reside.'

" PENNSYLVANIA.

"In the succeeding year the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania adopted the following:

" '*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will not hold communication or correspondence with, nor admit as visitors, any Masons resident in this State who hold authority under, or acknowledge the supremacy of, any other Grand Lodge within the same, and do not, by their representatives, communicate and pay their dues to this Grand Lodge.'

"Other Grand Lodges took substantially the same action. St. Andrew's Lodge was thereby completely isolated, and shortly thereafter she took measures looking toward 'passing under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts,' and in the year 1809 she happily gave in her adhesion to the same, and has ever since been one of the most honored and prosperous Lodges on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of that Commonwealth.

" OHIO—' AMERICAN UNION LODGE.'

"In the year 1808 and for some time afterward, the Grand Lodge of Ohio sought by 'argument and persuasion' to induce Marietta Lodge, situated within its limits, but of 'exterior' constitution, to become of obedience to that Grand

Lodge, but without avail. In 1815 she passed the following, among other resolutions :

“ ‘ *Resolved*, That “American Union Lodge, No. 1,” at Marietta, by refusing to surrender her charter, and denying the jurisdiction of this (Grand) Lodge, has forfeited her privileges to labor, and has become an unauthorized Lodge.’

“ ‘ *Resolved*, That no member of any Lodge of the State of Ohio, who may enter that Lodge after a knowledge of these resolutions, and labor in any of the duties appertaining to the Craft, or any member of that Lodge, who shall sit in or assist in any labor (while working under their present charter) shall ever again be received in any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge ; provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent American Union Lodge from once meeting for the sole purpose of considering these resolutions.’

“ ‘ *Resolved*, That no person hereafter initiated in that Lodge under its present charter shall be ever considered and acknowledged as a Mason, in any Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, by virtue of such initiation.’

“ All which action, in my opinion, was in strict accordance with the principles and practice enunciated in the constitutions of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland in the Old World, and with what had been affirmed and enforced by the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and other Grand Lodges on this continent.”

The Grand Master declares that longer forbearance by the Grand Lodge of Quebec with the Grand Lodge of England, and the three Lodges under English jurisdiction in the jurisdiction of Quebec, cannot in reason be looked for. He intimates that he will be forced to stern and imperative measures, and significantly hints at what these measures may be. Nevertheless, he counsels further deliberation before action. It is an exceedingly well prepared address, and we take the liberty of remarking just here, that to cut off communication with the Grand Lodge of England, and declare the three Lodges clandestine, is not beyond the compass of the Grand Lodge of Quebec’s intended, and we modestly submit, proper action.

There are no other proceedings in this pamphlet.

RHODE ISLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Grand Communication, held at Providence, September 30, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN BAKER, Grand Secretary. Held for the purpose of constituting Nestell Lodge, U. D.

PROCEEDINGS of Semi-Annual Grand Communication, held at Providence, November 17, 1880. Same Grand Officers.

The Grand Master ordered the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Nestell Lodge to exemplify the work of the Third Degree in Grand Lodge.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninety-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Providence, May 16, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN BAKER, Grand Secretary.

Rev. and Most Worshipful Brother HENRY W. RUGG, Chairman of Committee of Foreign Correspondence, rendered a special report on Foreign Correspondence. We make this extract from the opening paragraph of that report:

“The Masonry of this country is in conservative hands, that will resist any attempts to draw it into entangling alliances, or turn it aside from its well-determined lines of legitimate work and progress.”

The Chairman further states that he will only report on those specific matters deemed of sufficient importance to be brought to the attention of this Grand Lodge; congratulates the Craft upon the settlement of the difficulty between Quebec and Scotland; disapproves of the action of Missouri towards New Mexico; does not report in favor of recognizing New South Wales, because a minority of the Lodges in New South Wales formed the Grand Lodge, and it is not recognized by the Mother Grand Lodge; and he takes the New York view of the Webotuck dispute.

Most Worshipful Grand Master FREEMAN presented his

annual address. It contains nothing that we desire to notice; it is a plain, practical paper.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS VINCENT was elected Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN BAKER, Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, May 5, 1881, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Brother the Right Honorable the Earl of MAR and KELLIE on the throne; Brother D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

There is nothing in these proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Committee, which requires particular notice at this time.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, August 4 1881, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason, the Right Honorable Brother Sir MICHAEL SHAW-STEWART, Bart., on the throne; Brother D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

Applications were made for three Lodges in New South Wales at this Communication.

The Grand Secretary stated, that in deference to the protest of the Grand Lodge of England, supported by the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba had withdrawn from the exercise of Masonic jurisdiction at Gibraltar. The Grand Master declined a re-election, whereupon Brother the Right Honorable the Earl of MAR and KELLIE was elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

We copy, for the information of the Grand Lodges of the United States, the following extract from the Proceedings:

“Grand Secretary submitted report of Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales

by the District Grand Secretary, Brother WILLIAM HIGSTRIM, who stated that the whole of the Lodges under the Scottish Constitution there were making rapid strides, both as to membership and financially, and that the balance at the credit of the District Grand Lodge now amounted to nearly One thousand pounds. Further, that the following resolutions had been adopted: (1) 'That no Brother below the rank of Right Worshipful Master or Past Master shall be allowed to preside at the ceremonial of conferring any of the established Degrees of Freemasonry upon candidates.' (2) 'That all Past Masters who have filled the chair as Right Worshipful Master of any daughter Lodge in the District for the usual term, and are contributing members to a Scotch Lodge in the District, shall be considered and recorded as members of the District Grand Lodge, with all the privileges accruing thereto.' The Committee agreed to recommend to Grand Lodge to confirm the resolutions above quoted, and directed Grand Secretary to minute their gratification with the position to which the Lodges have attained under the guidance and superintendence of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales."

From this extract, and from the fact that three Lodges in New South Wales lately applied for charters from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it is apparent that the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales is not advancing towards the required position for recognition.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Yorkville, June 22, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary. Held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the monument erected on King's Mountain battle-field. The Grand Master said that as the battle-field was sixteen miles from Yorkville, and there was no place to open a Grand Lodge at or near the site of the proposed monument, he would open a Grand Lodge at Yorkville, and take

an early start in the morning. Now he does not say that the Brethren traveled like the Craft in the westerly direction towards Joppa, or went in carriages. They must have had a good time, at any rate, going those sixteen miles at the early dawn of the morning. If it *was* before sunrise, there was light enough in the Craft for them to see their way.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Greenville, June 24, 1880; same Grand Officers. Held for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall of Recovery Lodge, No. 31.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Charleston, August 11, 1880; same Grand Officers. Held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of an Agricultural Hall.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Spartanburg, October 7, 1880; same Grand Officers; for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the monument erected in commemoration of the battle of Cowpens.

PROCEEDINGS of One Hundred and Fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Charleston, December 14, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address was a concise statement of the condition of the Grand Lodge, and his labors. He refers to the difficulties between New York and Connecticut, Missouri and New Mexico, Minnesota and Dakota, and Scotland and Quebec. We make the following extract from his address:

“GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

“It gives me pleasure to inform you that the difficulties referred to in my last Annual Address have been pleasantly adjusted. The schism existing in this jurisdiction has been healed, and the erring Brethren have been relieved from the sentence of expulsion, and re-instated. I received, with the

notice of this happy termination of those difficulties, a further notice that Brother GEORGE BLACK, whose commission as Grand Representative for South Carolina I had revoked, had been re-instated, and also a recommendation for his re-appointment. This I declined to do. If the Grand Lodge of Manitoba deemed proper to remove the sentence of expulsion and re-instate the Brother, it was not for us to object. We could only rejoice that reparation had been made, and the offender pardoned. But I did not feel that one who had so far forgotten his obligations as a Mason as to rebel openly against his Grand Lodge, and who for such an offence had been expelled, was a proper Mason to hold the commission of South Carolina, even though his sentence had been remitted and he had been re-instated. Hence I refused to issue a commission again to Brother BLACK, and instead commissioned Brother G. McMICKEN, as I have already stated."

The Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodges of Colon and Cuba, Dakota and New Mexico. The Grand Secretary reported that the commission of the former Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba had been recalled, and placed on file.

The annual report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary. We tender to Brother INGLESBY our warmest acknowledgments for the most fraternal notice that he makes of Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge of South Carolina appears to be a hard-working Grand Lodge, and the record of its labors entitle it to earnest commendation.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES F. IZLAR was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, was reëlected Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at Nashville, November 8, 1880. Most Worship-

ful Brother WILBUR F. FOSTER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN F. FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address gives a statement of his official action during the year. He says: "I am firmly convinced of the absolute necessity of a thoroughly organized, continuous, persistent system of official visitation." We thoroughly agree in this opinion, and regard such official visitations of infinitely more importance than the work of Grand Lecturers. There is no authority in a Grand Lecturer, except to talk, and Masonic instruction must be authoritative. Grand Master FOSTER has practiced what he preaches, as appears from the list of Grand Visitations he made during the year.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee appointed a commission, dated August 30, 1880, to meet a like Commission appointed by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, to adjudicate their differences. The Commission from both Grand Lodges met, and from their report it appears that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will so amend its Constitution as to prevent an occurrence of similar cases in the future.

Worshipful Brother GEORGE S. BLACKIE made the annual report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The best comment we can make on this report is that it is eminently worthy of Brother BLACKIE's character as a Mason and a writer. His notice of Pennsylvania is frank and fraternal.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN T. IRION was elected Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN F. FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

PROCEEDINGS of Forty-fifth Annual Grand Communication, held at Houston, December 9, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother E. J. BOWER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEO. H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master BOWER, in his annual address, keeps the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas abreast with the most favored Grand bodies of the Craft. He omits nothing that requires notice, and he lucidly explains every subject upon which he touches. We are quite pleased with the manner in which he presents the subject of the united Grand Lodges of Colon and Cuba. What more could be said on the subject, or so well said? His reference to the treatment by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana of the Grand Lodge of Texas is most happy.

A special report was made by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in regard to the settlement of the difficulties between Quebec and Scotland.

A special report was also made by Brother W. H. NICHOLAS, Chairman of Committee, in regard to the friendly relations of the constituents of Texas and Mexico, owing to the new railway communication between those jurisdictions.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a report, by which we are painfully reminded of the dangers and difficulties which arise to Lodges of Freemasons from being incorporated by the legislation of a profane power—that is State authority.

The annual report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Worshipful Brother WILLIAM H. NICHOLAS, Chairman. Our esteemed and distinguished Brother NICHOLAS might have omitted the opening paragraphs of his report. From this, his first step, he mounts to the platform upon which his predecessors have stood. Our distinguished Brother has given us a capital report, capital. There are some marked features of interest about it that one does not find in the reports of other Grand Lodges. He notices the proceedings of Pennsylvania of 1879, quoting Grand Master NISBET's address, with approval. Our Worshipful Brother manifests his devotion to either Calliope or Erato, possibly, presumably rather, to both these classic divinities.

Most Worshipful Brother J. H. McLEARY, Grand Master;

Right Worshipful Brother G. H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—As this Report is in the process of proof-correction we have received a copy of the Proceedings of the Forty-sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, held the second Tuesday of December, the 8th, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother J. H. McLEARY, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother GEO. H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is very interesting. "Dispensations" and "Arrests" of charters of Lodges, are more frequent than usual. The Grand Master has found that his onerous duties demanded aid in their discharge, especially his correspondence, and he appointed a Private Secretary, Brother H. M. HOLMES. This is so proper in itself that we commend it. In our jurisdiction it was so necessary, that the Grand Lodge cheerfully gave the Grand Master authority to select his Assistant, and W. Brother GEORGE W. WOOD has long discharged that duty here, and wonderfully well too. The Grand Master's address is a most elaborate statement of the affairs of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, and is eminently worthy of the reputation of that able and cultured Brother. We could but regret, on concluding its perusal, that our Most Worshipful Brother has left the chair.

A special report from Worshipful Brother M. F. MOTT, Chairman Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, is so interesting that we make the following extracts:

"Sec. 4, Chap. II, Art. 1 of our Grand Lodge Constitution is as follows: 'The Book of Constitutions of Masonry, originally prepared by Dr. Anderson, approved A. D. 1722, contains the system of ancient laws and customs of the Craft, and is recognized as binding in points where the Constitution is silent, and the old Charges therein shall be appended hereto.' The Book of Constitutions therein mentioned is entitled the 'History, Laws, Charges, Orders, Regulations and Usages of the R. W. Fraternity of Accepted Freemasons,

collected from their general records, and the faithful traditions of many years.' In the tenth century, Prince Edwin, says the English Masonic historian, summoned all the Masons in the realm to meet him in a congregation at York. They came and composed a *General Lodge*, of which he was Grand Master, and, from the contents of all 'the writings and records extant, did frame the Constitutions and Charges of an English Lodge, made a law to preserve and observe the same in all time coming.' Before this assembly of the English Craft, and thenceforward for more than seven hundred years, Freemasons met in Lodges by inherent right, and discharged all their duties entirely independent of any Grand Lodge—for none existed—and without Charters. In the year 1717 the first Grand Lodge in England was organized.

"The office of Grand Master of Masons was created in the olden time by a Landmark—just as the peculiar form of government of Craft Masonry was created—and exists to this day. 'It is one of such antiquity as to be coeval with the very origin of the institution, whether we look at that origin in a traditional or historical point of view.' It existed for centuries before there was a Grand Lodge, and the duties, rights and powers of a Grand Master are inherent in the office, and exist to-day intact in both England and Texas, except where restricted by new regulations. As we have shown, none such exist in Texas—the written and unwritten Landmarks being yet in full force in this jurisdiction. The acknowledged authority on the construction of Anderson's Book of Constitutions in England is Dr. Oliver's 'Institutes of Masonic Jurisprudence, being an exemplification of the English Book of Constitutions,' published in 1859, at London. This learned author says: 'The Grand Master is not a creation of the General Regulations, the Ancient Charges or written Constitutions. He existed before all those we know anything about were made, and consequently his power is despotic.'

"From time immemorial it has been the duty and usage of every Master of a Lodge, at his investiture, to assent to the ancient Charges, to submit thereto, and promise to support the Ancient Regulations, 'as Masters have done in all ages.' In the eleventh of these regulations it is asserted that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry. In the tenth, the Master promises to pay homage to the Grand Master for

the time being, and to his officers when duly instituted. Homage, according to Dr. Johnson, in his Dictionary, printed in 1756, is 'obedience; respect paid by external action.' Every intelligent Mason must know that the Ancient Landmarks constituted the body of Masonry referred to in the eleventh charge.

"The twenty-fifth Landmark reads thus: 'The Landmarks of Masonry can never be changed.' The fourth Landmark states: 'The government of the Fraternity by a presiding officer called a Grand Master, who is elected by the body of the Craft.'

"Dr. Mackey, in commenting on this Landmark in his Text Book of Masonic Jurisprudence, says: 'Many persons ignorantly suppose the election of Grand Master is held in consequence of a law or regulation of the Grand Lodge. Such, however, is not the case. The office is indebted for its existence to a Landmark of the Order. Grand Masters are to be found in the records of the Institution long before Grand Lodges were established; and if the present system of legislative government by Grand Lodges were to be abolished, a Grand Master would still be necessary. In fact, although there has been a period within the records of history, and, indeed of very recent date, when a Grand Lodge was unknown, there never has been a time when the Craft did not have their Grand Master.' * * * * Thus: 'Concomitant with this prerogative of presiding in any Lodge, is that of visitation. This is not simply the right of visit which every Master Mason in good standing possesses, * * * * but it is a prerogative of a more important nature, and which has received the distinctive appellation of the right of visitation. *It is the right to enter any Lodge*, to inspect its proceedings, to take a part in its business transactions and correct its errors.

"The right to visit and inspect belongs to none but the Grand Master and his representatives. When he asserts it in his official capacity, he is no suppliant seeking permission of the Master of a Lodge to enter. He goes there of right as the constitutional executive representative of the Grand Lodge charged with the execution of official duty—of right as the Grand Master of Masons in his State, clothed by the inherent prerogative of the office, by precedent and usage existing for more than nine hundred years, with the right to visit any and every Lodge of Craft Masons in his jurisdiction 'wheresoever and whensoever held.'"

Most Worshipful Brother T. M. MATTHEWS was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, and his inaugural address is certainly so unique as to attract more than ordinary notice. We take from it these extracts, with pleasure:

“There is a cause producing this disease, and each of us in his own sphere, should, as a duty we owe to our loved and honored Order, become physician, and endeavor, if possible, to diagnose and remove it. It must, too, in truth be admitted, that for this condition of things, we are, as individual Masons, ourselves in a great measure to blame. We are all too apt, and do too often lose sight of the fact, that the conferring degrees, and swelling the roster of our Lodges, should not be the chief ultimatum. We admit into the Temple too many stones which being neither oblong nor square, being in fact not even straight on one edge, mar the beauty of the wall, and which, therefore, should by good workmen be rejected. Once in, however, they are too often hard to get rid of, and through life bring odium and reproach upon us, and serve as guide-posts for our enemies to point at and to taunt us with. How often is it the case that we see members of the Lodge reeling drunken from the rum-shop, or hear them uttering vile oaths? How often we hear them speaking ill of, and even find them defrauding those whom 'tis their first duty to counsel, defend and protect? Go visit the Lodges, and how much too often do we find in place of that peace and harmony, that effort to see who can best work and best agree, which should prevail, evidences of wrangling and petty jealousies, as to who shall be the leader. From month to month these and like things go on, till at last *good, quiet, orderly Masons* are driven from, and lose their interest in, the meetings. Month after month the interest decreases, the attendance grows ‘smaller by degrees and beautifully less,’ till at last the Lodge *dies*. The cause continuing to act, the effect is inevitable. Let me beg you, my Brethren, go to work as soon as you get home—take immediate and effective steps to get rid of the unworthy; elect as officers only good, pure and true men—*Masons* who will do their duty fearlessly and impartially.

“At your meetings when there is no work to do, as was last year indicated by the Grand Master, have a lecture or an essay, upon the principles, teachings and aims of the Order, or something of the sort. In former times, it was the custom, after dispatching the business of the evening, to

nave a supper or little banquet. Owing to the crippled financial condition of most of our Lodges, I am aware that this nowadays is out of the question.

“But, permit me to suggest a plan by which I think the object can be accomplished equally well, perhaps better, and which, while it will be but of little expense or trouble to the individual members, will not in any way be detrimental to, if indeed, by increasing the interest of your meetings, it does not so indirectly add to the finances of the Lodge. Let each member on Lodge evenings get the ‘gude wife,’ mother or sister to prepare for him a little lunch, or a few cakes, enough for himself and for one other—it matters not how plain or simple it be—and take this along with him. Then, after a few hours of labor or the interchange of pleasant thought, spread on the bare benches, if you have no suitable table, what each has brought, and see what a nice ‘picnic supper’ you will thus easily and inexpensively have provided. The variety, the novelty and the cuisine will surprise you; and I doubt not you will have a far better supper than for any reasonable sum you could have had specially provided. Try it! See how nice it will be—how soon your members will begin to attend more regularly, and your Lodge-rooms be filled.”

There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and this is so unusual that we give the reason. The Most Worshipful Grand Master McLEARY explains the omission.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

“It will be remembered that at the last Communication, a Committee on Foreign Correspondence was appointed, with Right Worshipful Brother JAMES MASTERSON as the Chairman. Knowing his eminent fitness for the position, I rested satisfied that we would have an excellent report. But on the 25th of June last I received a letter from him declining to write a report, but not giving, as it appeared to me, a sufficient reason therefor. I then wrote to him to reconsider his determination, since which time I have not had the pleasure of hearing from him directly, but afterwards, on the 6th of October, through a Brother residing in Houston, I learned that he was determined not to make a report.

“I immediately informed Right Worshipful Brother A. W. HOUSTON, whose name came next on the Committee, and

requested him to prepare the report. He, on the 29th of October, excused himself on the ground of the late notice, and the pressure of his business engagements and family affairs. Presuming that the remaining members of the Committee would likewise decline, I have taken no further action. I regret that Right Worshipful Brother MASTERSON should have taken the view he did of this matter, as it seems to me to have been his plain duty to decline the appointment in the first place or endeavor to discharge the duties assigned thereto; and, if from any cause he was unable or unwilling to make the report for the Committee, he should himself have secured the services of some other member to do so. I presume Right Worshipful Brother MASTERSON takes a different view of the matter, but I deem it a duty I owe to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to express mine. This Committee is one of the most important in the Grand Lodge, and it is deeply to be regretted that it should make no report."

Most Worshipful Brother T. M. MATTHEWS was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother G. H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Salt Lake City, May 3, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother FRANK TILFORD, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary. Called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Upon this occasion Grand Master TILFORD delivered an earnest, scholarly and eloquent address, which we should like to copy from, had we space.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Salt Lake City, November 9, 1880. Right Worshipful Brother PHILIP H. EMERSON, Deputy Grand Mas-

ter, presiding; Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master being unavoidably absent, his address was read by Brother JOHN SHAW SCOTT. He states that harmony and peace prevails throughout the Territory, and that all the Lodges are in a sound financial condition. He reports the Grand Lodge library as containing four hundred Masonic works and thirty-three hundred volumes in the various departments of science, art and literature. He regrets that the Lodges so invariably change their officers every year, and recommends them to reëlect experienced Brethren after they have served with credit for one term. He alludes to the happy adjustment of the difficulty between Scotland and Quebec, and to the continuance of that between New York and Connecticut, referring to the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the full particulars of these subjects. The Grand Master's address is throughout interesting and able.

The Deputy Grand Master made a report covering his action consequent upon the removal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master from the jurisdiction.

The Grand Librarian made his annual report, describing the growth and condition of the Grand Lodge library.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary. It is a compendious document, briefly but satisfactorily reviewing the Proceedings of fifty-two Grand Lodges, including Pennsylvania.

Most Worshipful Brother PHILIP H. EMERSON was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL was reëlected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

PROCEEDINGS of the Eighty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Burlington, June 15, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother LAVANT M. READ, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. H. ROOT, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master refers to the adjustment of the difficulty between Scotland and Quebec, and expresses the gratification of the Grand Lodge of Vermont; and he refers to the fact that Vermont had not yet recognized the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and gives the reasons. In his treatment of this question he expresses this opinion, which is so terse, sound and Masonic, that we quote it with satisfaction: "We cannot recognize a body as a Grand Lodge which is entitled to but a divided authority over its own territory. A Grand Lodge must have all the attributes of Grand Lodge sovereignty, in order that it may have a right to demand recognition at the hands of other Grand Lodges." This is American doctrine, and we thank Most Worshipful Brother READ for the admirable style in which he has expressed it. The Grand Master refers to the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, and is gratified at the happy determination of their difficulties. The Craft of Vermont, at the afternoon session of the Grand Lodge, after the installation of Grand Master, presented Most Worshipful Brother READ with a gold watch and chain.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence appears in our copy of the Proceedings without signature, and Pennsylvania is not noticed. The report is an able one, and we cannot understand the modesty of the Brother who wrote it. We only regret that we have not his name, and we have not the advantage of his review of Pennsylvania.

Most Worshipful Brother LUCIUS C. BUTLER was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. H. ROOT, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

PROCEEDINGS of One hundred and third Annual Grand Communication, held at St. Alban's Hall, Richmond, December 13, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother PEYTON S. COLES, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Brother COLES presented his annual address, a cultured, dignified review of his official action during the year. What it gratifies us to observe in this address is, the dignified and firm manner he treats the too common practice, of Lodges on the lines of demarcation of Grand jurisdictions receiving and acting upon petitions, and conferring the degrees upon candidates residing near to the line, but in other jurisdictions. The Grand Master says: "I have taken the necessary action to put a stop to this practice." We hope other Grand Masters, whose jurisdictions suffer under like affliction, will adopt Most Worshipful Grand Master COLES's example to correct this evil wherever found. Pennsylvania has suffered from the same causes, and it has required the wisdom and prudence of our Grand Masters to prevent the occurrence of unhappy complications.

We regret to see, deeply regret to see, the deaths of Past Grand Master Brother LEWIS B. WILLIAMS, and Past Grand Master Brother SYDNEY S. BAXTER.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Worshipful Brother WM. F. DRINKARD. Brother DRINKARD has taken the three degrees in the art and mystery of making a report on Foreign Correspondence. He may pride himself justly, without vanity, that he is a master workman. We are most happy to extend to him this well-earned name. His report is exhaustive, satisfactory, sprightly, interesting. Glorious Grand Lodge of Virginia. Venerable, yet young. Full of faith and good works. We close the volume containing the record of its proceedings with unfeigned regret.

Most Worshipful Brother PEYTON S. COLES was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. B. ISAACS, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Olympia, June 1, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother LOUIS SOHNS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THOS. M. REED, Grand Secretary.

Twenty-six Lodges were represented. There are twenty-nine Lodges chartered, with a membership of one thousand and ninety-nine Master Masons.

Grand Master SOHNS, in his address, says there are, besides, one-fifth as many more Masons, who are affiliated with Lodges in other jurisdictions, and, as many more non-affiliates. Non-affiliation is one of the great Masonic evils of our day, and the rising question is, how best to influence non-affiliated Brethren to become active Freemasons again. The Grand Master also says that he gave permission to the "Ainsworth Masonic Association," at Ainsworth, "to establish a Masonic Reading Room, the privileges of which were restricted to Master Masons, after due trial and strict examination." It is doubtless true in Masonry, as among the profane, that "reading makes a full man," and every legitimate endeavor to spread Masonic light and knowledge should be encouraged.

We regret to note that the printing of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was dispensed with.

Most Worshipful Brother RALPH was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. REED was re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

PROCEEDINGS of a Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of West Virginia, held in the town of Fairmont, 8th of December, 1879, by authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, JOHN W. ARBUCKLE, for the purpose of dedicating to Masonic use a new hall erected by Fairmont Lodge, No. 9.

Right Worshipful Brother ODELL S. LONG presided *as* Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother ROBERT C. DUNNINGTON *as* Grand Secretary.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the town of Ceredo on the 25th of February, 1880, to lay the corner-stone of a M. E. Church.

Right Worshipful Brother JOHN M. PLYMALE, as proxy for the Most Worshipful Grand Master, presided, and Right Worshipful Brother JAMES P. WAYMER *as* Grand Secretary.

The Sixteenth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was held in the Masonic Temple, Wheeling, on the 9th of November, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. ARBUCKLE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother ODELL S. LONG, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master is short, and refers to the affairs of the Grand Lodge. We observe that Grand Lodge directed the portrait of Grand Master ARBUCKLE to be obtained, and placed among the portraits of its Past Grand Masters, already painted. We are pleased to see the example of Pennsylvania, in this respect, is accepted *as* worthy of imitation.

No report from Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother C. J. FAULKNER, JR., was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother O. S. LONG, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirty-seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at the Hall of Kilbourn Lodge, No. 3, Milwaukee, June 14, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother EMMONS E. CHAPIN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address refers to questions of interest to his own jurisdiction, and there is nothing in it that calls for special reference from us at this time.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Worshipful Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, a carefully prepared paper, short enough to be interesting, and full enough to be satisfactory. Our esteemed Brother is a judicious critic. We are gratified to meet him again, in the spirit of fraternity. We hope soon to meet him in the flesh, with cordial welcome. We will try then to teach him how to pronounce our name. We beg to thank him for his kindly notice of us.

Most Worshipful Brother E. E. CHAPIN was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. W. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixth Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Wyoming, held at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, October 12, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother JAMES H. HAYFORD, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM G. TONN, Grand Secretary.

We are attracted by the following minute: "The Grand Master having failed to reduce his address to writing, the hour of 7.30 p. m. was designated as the time for delivering the same." On page 12 of the printed Proceedings it is

stated, that "the ill-health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master previous to the Grand Communication" having prevented the Most Worshipful Brother from reducing "his address to writing," he delivered an *extempore* address, which was highly appreciated.

At the "Session" of the Grand Lodge on October 13 the election of Grand Officers was held. Most Worshipful Brother FRANK M. FOOTE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM G. TONN, Grand Secretary, and were duly installed.

No report from Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

CALIFORNIA.

NOTE.—The Proceedings for 1881 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California came as we go to press, but rather than omit our notice of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, we insert here some remarks on the pamphlet.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California, held at Masonic Temple, San Francisco, October 4, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother SAMUEL C. DENSON, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother ALEX. G. ABELL, Grand Secretary.

We are pleased to observe there were eight Past Grand Masters present.

Grand Master DENSON presented his annual address. He refers to the condition of the Grand Lodge, and quotes from the reports of the District Deputies. This latter is quite an interesting feature. We cannot fail to notice the report of the Grand Secretary, which is a photograph of the actual condition of the Craft in that jurisdiction, and

an interesting one he makes of it. The Grand Lecturer makes a report, which to us is so novel as not to pass without notice. He gives the reports of "inspectors," in which they state the condition of the Craft in their districts.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM H. HILL, Chairman. Right Worshipful Brother HILL partakes of the character of all of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of California, in the discharge of their several duties, earnest, industrious, pains-taking and thorough. These are the characteristics of all the Grand Officers' reports we have read, and Brother HILL is in full harmony with them. His review of the Grand Lodges is admirable. His notice of Pennsylvania is kind and fraternal. Brother MACCALLA rejects the notion that he is "looking over our shoulder;" he says it is a much more difficult thing to sit in front of us, and discuss these questions of Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence. We don't accept Webster as authority for "veteran," nor "venerable." We never dyed our whiskers, and we don't know what our Brother means by "waiving any discussion about dying whiskers," nor do we understand what our Brother means by the initials "M. A. S."; but this we do accept, as always most agreeable—the fraternal regard and exteem of so distinguished a Brother as the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of California. We close the reading of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, by expressing our sincere satisfaction at the manner in which the work of that jurisdiction is not only carried on, but portrayed in the pamphlet before us.

Most Worshipful Brother CLAY WEBSTER TAYLOR, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother ALEX. G. ABELL, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

These official labors for the past year are ended. We have tried to discharge the duty imposed with an earnest desire to cement in the bonds of Freemasonry the Grand Lodges of the Craft with which we are happy in maintaining fraternal relations.

The remarks we have been led to make under the captions, Delaware, Maine, Iowa, Ohio, New York, Missouri and Cuba, are the result of that friendly criticism which is within the limitation of the acknowledged propriety regulating the review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges by their respective Committees on Foreign Correspondence. At least, such is our construction of the rule. We would be mortified if it were otherwise to be considered.

Having industriously devoted hours, very many hours, to the examination of the Proceedings we have received, the gratification and satisfaction which come out of this examination compel their unqualified expression. The Craft is harmonious, faithful, united ; aiming to maintain the high standard of Masonic virtue ; to preserve the foundations on which, in the earliest of days, Freemasonry was established ; to govern the Craftsmen with justice and equity ; to reject those innovations, which among the profane have specious and most superficial advocacy ; to condemn novelties because they are new ; to defend the principle of Grand Lodge sovereignty ; and presenting to the world our most glorious Institution, in which men have for ages united, are now bound together by the most sacred ties, and which is powerful enough to preserve and transmit itself unimpaired to the coming time.

There are here and there to be noticed some violations of

the ancient customs of the Craft. These are to be attributed, we sincerely hope, to an inadvertence which may not be unexpected in special instances. So conservative is the spirit which animates and vitalizes Freemasonry, that we earnestly hope, mature reflection will induce the correction of these departures from established customs. We have most respectfully ventured to notice them, with the affectionate salutations which overflow the Masonic heart, trying to care for and guard the traditions of our Craft.

There is a subject which we notice is presenting itself to the serious consideration of some of the Grand Lodges, and thus early should receive prompt attention. A stringent rule, positively enforced, will preserve harmony and Grand Lodge supremacy. On, or near, the boundary lines which demark the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges, subordinate Lodges are located, under the jurisdiction of their respective Grand Lodges. It, of late, is not unfrequently the case that profane, who reside on either side of these lines, seek initiation in Lodges beyond the limits of their residence. These profane, being citizens of one State, seek to be made Masons in a Lodge owing allegiance to a different geographical Masonic jurisdiction. While it is admitted, as a theoretic rule, that geographical lines do not limit Masonic power, Freemasonry being in itself universal, yet it is asserted that the harmony and fraternal relations between contiguous Grand Lodges can best and most surely be maintained, if each Grand Lodge would require that profane, who desire initiation in their subordinate Lodges, and who are not citizens of the State, which for convenience, makes the Masonic jurisdiction, should deny to these profane the right of application. There may be exceptional special cases in which this rule can be suspended, by the respective Grand Masters giving dispen-

sations, for good and sufficient reasons, to subordinate Lodges to receive such applications. Already an application has been made by one Grand Lodge to a sister Grand Lodge, to enter into a sort of contract for the indiscriminate Mason-making of profane, in whichever Grand jurisdiction they may select. Of course, such a proposition could not be entertained by the Grand Lodge applied to. We think this subject worthy of the attention of our Brethren who represent the foreign relations of Grand Lodges.

In more than one instance we find that Most Worshipful Grand Masters, in their annual addresses, refer to a proposition to establish a sort of Masonic-general-central court, for arbitrating on matters of dispute between Grand Lodges.

We, at the outset of the agitation of this novel, unprecedented, un-Masonic and unnecessary proposition, most fraternally submit, that the establishment of such a tribunal, or court, or whatever it is to be called, would produce greater mischief, create more discord, than it would ever prevent or adjust, and result in its own disruption, leaving behind a legacy of irritations and disputed questions in Masonic jurisprudence, that a generation might not possibly finally and fully settle.

A sovereign Grand Lodge is the only arbiter of its own policy. If it once yields to any other body the right to regulate it, its sovereignty is impaired. When occasion seems to require the good offices of an arbiter, in unhappy relations between Grand Lodges, then the offer so to be a peacemaker could be made by a Grand Lodge, and accepted or declined as either party to the dispute or difficulty might see proper.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland having transmitted to Right Worshipful Grand Secretary NISBET,

Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, a copy of its proceedings, and thus opened the way for Masonic intercourse, and no objection existing for the fraternal recognition of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland, a resolution to that effect is reported by us to our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

We have been put in possession of such lawful Masonic information as to assure us that the difficulties heretofore existing between the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri and the Grand Body claiming to be the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, are terminated. We have found the way clear to extend to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico fraternal salutations. A resolution recognizing that Grand Lodge is presented to our Grand Lodge for its action.

Up to the date of this report, St. John's Day, 1881, we have not received a copy of the proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, or Nebraska.

We make this note with extreme regret, for we miss the benefit which is to be had from the perusal of the proceedings of these Grand Bodies.

This report could not be complete, just, or true, without containing our recorded testimony to the large Masonic knowledge, experience, marked ability, and the valuable assistance which Worshipful Brother, our esteemed friend, CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, has cheerfully rendered in its preparation.

For many years he has given us his aid, and the Craft owes him unspared gratitude.

We invoke the Great Architect of that Spiritual Temple whose foundations rest on eternal justice, love, mercy and

truth ; indestructible, everlasting ; that change not in jot or tittle, to vouchsafe to our Fraternity the blessings of His Divine favor, and so direct and order all proceedings of the Craftsmen, that Freemasonry may remain stable, unchanged and unimpaired.

RICHARD VAUX, P. G. M.,

Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

PHILADELPHIA, MASONIC TEMPLE.

St. John's Day, December, 1881.



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Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, March 1st, A. D. 1882, A. L. 5882.

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PRESENT:

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| Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK, | - | - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
| “ CONRAD B. DAY, | - | - | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| “ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | - | - | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ JOSEPH EICHBAUM, | - | - | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ THOS. R. PATTON, | - | - | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| “ MICHAEL NISBET, | - | - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| “ CHARLES H. KINGSTON, | - | - | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i> |
| “ OSCAR R. MEYERS, | - | - | <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| “ EDWARD STRICKLAND, | - | - | <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| “ RICHARD H. ALLEN, D.D., | } <i>Grand Chaplains.</i> | | |
| “ JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D., | | | |
| “ JOHN S. J. McCONNELL, | | | |
| “ B. FRANK BRENEMAN, | } <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> | | |
| “ JOHN G. BOBB, | | | |
| “ EDWARD H. SHEARER, | | | |
| “ ROBERT H. LERCH, | | | |
| “ ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, | | | |
| “ JOHN M. CLAPP, | | | |
| “ GETER C. SHIDLE, | - | - | |

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| Bro. GEORGE A. JENKS, - | } | <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
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| " THOMAS S. MCNAIR, | | |
| " JACOB F. QUILLMAN, | | |
| " SAMUEL L. FRENCH, | | |
| " SAMUEL W. BROADBENT, | } | <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| " JAMES C. BECKEL, | | |
| " GEORGE W. WOOD, - | | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| " SAMUEL J. DICKEY, - | | <i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i> |
| " HENRY H. HAYNES, - | | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| " HARRISON G. CLARK, - | | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |
| " JOHN THOMSON, - | } | <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i> |
| " RICHARD VAUX, - | | |
| " ROBT. A. LAMBERTON, | | |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, - | | |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | | |
| " RICHARD VAUX, - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, South Caro- lina, Alabama, Texas, Min- nesota and Washington Territory.</i> |
| " ROBT. A. LAMBERTON, | | |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.</i> |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | | |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, - | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Louisiana.</i> |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | | |
| | } | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.</i> |
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| Bro. CHARLES E. MEYER, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i> |
| " AUGUSTUS R. HALL, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i> |
| " MICHAEL ARNOLD, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i> |
| " CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.</i> |
| " E. HARPER JEFFRIES, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.</i> |

One hundred and seven Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 6 o'clock 20 minutes, P. M.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the suspension of Lodge No. 507 be and the same is hereby removed.

A communication was received and read from Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in regard to "Masonic Temple Association," and "Washington Masonic Memorial Fund," when Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That without objection to the purpose mentioned in the communication relative to the erection of a

Washington Memorial Temple, we deem it inexpedient to name members of the Grand Lodge to become corporators as requested.

A communication was received from Right Worshipful Brother DAVID J. MILLER, Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico, giving notice that the resolutions declaring that all Masonic intercourse between the said Grand Lodge of New Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Missouri, were duly rescinded. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A proclamation from the East of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico, declaring and proclaiming that relations of perfect amity and correspondence, and of unrestricted Masonic intercourse, by and between the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri have been re-opened and re-established was received, and ordered to be entered and filed.

A missive was received and read from Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM HARDACRE, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey, appointing Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, LL.D., the representative of that Grand Lodge near the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, when, on motion, the missive was received, and Right Worshipful Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, was acknowledged as the Representative of the Most

Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey, near this Grand Lodge.

A petition for a Warrant for a Lodge, to be held in Eldred, McKean county, Pennsylvania, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary reported that Lodge No. 492 had paid up all its dues, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the suspension of Lodge No. 492 be and the same is hereby removed.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary reported that Lodge No. 329, reported to this Grand Lodge in June last, as being suspended for want of returns, and also reported in December last for two years' dues, had not complied with the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, when the Right Worshipful Grand Master declared the Warrant of said Lodge vacated.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary reported that Lodge No. 447 had surrendered its Warrant and effects.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, read the following, In Memoriam :

Right Worshipful Grand Master :

But a short time prior to the Annual Communication on St. John's Day last, the Craft of this jurisdiction were called to mourn the loss of Past Grand Master Brother ALFRED R.

POTTER, and the shadow of his recent death cast a gloom upon the Brethren as they met for the commencement of another Masonic year, in solemn assembly according to ancient usage, by the installation of the Officers of Grand Lodge. With deep sorrow of a personal bereavement in the loss of our departed Brother, I rise to fulfill the duty which you have laid upon me in the preparation of a minute of his character and services to be placed upon our records.

Brother POTTER was born January 12, 1817, in Poughkeepsie, New York. Perhaps there are few marked incidents of his life to be noted; he was earnest, active, social and with warm affections, and an interested sympathizer in the affairs of humanity. Respected and trusted as a business man, industrious, patient, of large experience, and untiring energy, his counsel and assistance were sought for by those with whom he was brought in contact.

His father, Sheldon Potter, was a publisher in Philadelphia, and died while his son, then about sixteen, was preparing to enter the University of Pennsylvania. Brother POTTER, by the death of his father, was compelled to give up his scholastic aspirations, and enter at this early age upon the active pursuits of life. He was for some time in New Orleans, and filled the office of clerk of the Court of Hinds county, Mississippi. When about 25 years of age he returned to Philadelphia, and became connected with the leading auction house of Myers, Claghorn & Co. In 1875 he gave up this employment, and engaged in the insurance business as District Agent of this State for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of New Jersey, and was in its employ at the time of his death.

In his early manhood, as it was ripening into full vigor and maturity, he joined our Fraternity, whose interests and welfare he ever afterwards, till the day of his death, cherished and loved, and in which he attained to the highest honors.

He was entered as an Apprentice in Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, in this city, December 18, 1851, just thirty years and five days before death called him from labor on earth to re-

freshment in the heavenly Lodge. He received the degrees of Fellow-Craft and Master Mason in the same Lodge, in due course, on the 15th and 19th of the following January and February, respectively. Faithful and attentive in the discharge of all his duties to the Lodge, he was, after passing through several subordinate offices, elected by his Brethren, December 17, 1857, Worshipful Master. January 16, 1862, he was elected a Trustee of the Lodge, and was continued in the office by successive annual elections till his death. In 1869, a new Lodge was formed and constituted, its officers all being members of Lodge 72, and which was named "Potter Lodge No. 441."

In Grand Lodge the worth and abilities of Brother POTTER did not remain unnoticed. He was appointed in December, 1860, the Almoner from his Lodge of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and was elected President of the Board in 1863, and continued in office till his election as Junior Grand Warden.

In December, 1866, he was appointed by Grand Master Brother GODDARD, a member of the Committee on Finance.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden in December, 1867 and 1868; Senior Grand Warden in December, 1869 and 1870; Deputy Grand Master in December, 1871 and 1872; and Right Worshipful Grand Master in December, 1873 and 1874. Thus for the full eight years accorded by custom in this jurisdiction, Brother POTTER served with the hearty assent of his Brethren in the chairs of Grand Lodge. He declined a reëlection in December, 1875, and was appointed a member of the Committee on Landmarks by Grand Master Brother CLARK, and was reappointed on that important Committee by the succeeding Grand Masters in every following year till his death.

In 1866, he was appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Jersey, Representative of the Grand Lodge of that State near this Grand Lodge; and in 1879 was honored by a similar appointment from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Death only

severed his connection with these sister Grand Lodges as their Representative in this jurisdiction.

The administration of Brother POTTER was marked by earnest and judicious zeal, firm and steadfast adherence to the principles of the Fraternity, and unswerving and dignified maintenance of the prerogatives of his high office, and an industrious, patient and intelligent devotion and labor in the promotion of the interests and welfare of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction.

Probably the most prominent occasion during his official career as Grand Master, was the laying of the corner-stone of the new Public Buildings of this city, July 4, 1874. The Commissioners to whom was entrusted the erection of this great edifice, extended an invitation to Grand Lodge to lay the corner-stone, and the ceremonies of the Craft were conducted under the guidance of our deceased Brother, in the presence of a most distinguished assembly, with an impressiveness and dignity which did not fail to convey to all who were present, an increased respect for our ancient and honorable Fraternity.

Brother POTTER's Masonic relations beyond the now recognized degrees of Craft Masonry commenced June 8, 1852, when he was marked in Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, of this city, of which he became a life-member, November 13, 1860; and served as Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Worshipful Master during the years 1863, 1864 and 1865, respectively. He was an active, zealous and faithful member of his Mark Lodge, and on the announcement of his death, it was ordered that a memorial page in honor of his memory be set aside upon the Minute Book.

On the 26th February, 1855, Brother POTTER received the degrees of Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch in Jerusalem, H. R. A. Chapter No. 3, of this city, and after filling subordinate offices, was called by the votes of his Companions to serve as Scribe, King and High Priest during the respective years 1860, 1861 and 1862.

From 1861 till 1867, he was annually appointed by the

Most Excellent Grand High Priests to office in the Grand Chapter; and from 1868 till 1873, and from 1879 till his death, he served upon the Committee on Appeals of that body. In 1876, he was elected Grand King in place of Companion ROBERT H. PATTERSON, deceased; in 1877, and again in 1878, he was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and declined a reëlection in 1879. His continuous official life of twenty years in Grand Chapter, bears in itself the strongest mark of the esteem, regard and confidence in which he was held by his Companions.

He received the degrees of Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Master in Philadelphia Council, No. 11, and from December, 1861, till December, 1864, filled the chairs of the several elective offices in that body.

He was a member of St. John's Commandery, No. 4, of Knights Templar in this city.

Of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, our deceased Brother was an active, useful and influential member, and had attained the highest offices within the limit of the jurisdiction of this State.

With an early religious training in his own home, and the nephew of two distinguished Churchmen, his father's brothers—the Right Rev. Alonzo Potter and the Right Rev. Horatio Potter, Bishops of the respective Protestant Episcopal Dioceses of Pennsylvania and New York, our deceased Past Grand Master was himself a man of deep religious feeling, and, while he cherished a warm devotion, and evinced a true loyalty to the Church of his choice and attachment, yet he had a liberal, and heartfelt charity towards all, with a true appreciation and frank acknowledgment of the features worthy of admiration in those of different outward professions and ecclesiastical relations.

About a year ago, he met with a severe accident, from the immediate effects of which, after much suffering and long confinement, he in a measure recovered, and was able to resume his accustomed avocations. But the ultimate results developed in the accession of a complication of disorders,

which, after lingering weeks of painful and distressing illness, terminated his life. With a patient, cheerful and submissive acquiescence in the will of the Lord and Master, whose professed and consistent disciple and follower he was, he met the dread summons with calmness, and his end was peace.

On motion of Brother M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ it was

Resolved, That the In Memoriam just read be entered in full upon the minutes.

The Committee on Landmarks submitted a report with the following resolution attached:

Resolved, That the Petition of Lodge No. — for permission to proceed to the initiation of ————— or to receive a new petition from him for initiation and membership, be and the same is hereby refused.

On motion of Brother William J. Kelley, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, when, on motion it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and the resolution adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge :

In the matter of the appeal of ————, from the action of Lodge No. —.

The appeal and the papers which accompany it, present no error in the proceedings of the Lodge in this case which requires the Grand Lodge to interfere.

The Lodge refused to restore the appellant to good Masonic standing, and the appeal gives no sufficient reasons to reverse its action.

The Committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appeal in this case be dismissed, and the money paid the Lodge by appellant for dues accrued since his suspension be returned to him by the Lodge.

On behalf of the Committee on Appeals,

H. T. BEARDSLEY.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Brother ————, of ———— Lodge, No. —, respectfully report :

A substitute for the article in the By-Laws relating to life-membership was under consideration. It provided that any member paying a certain sum of money should be “considered a member for life, and exempt from all further dues except the amount which this Lodge shall have to pay annually to the Grand Lodge for each member.”

The appellant moved “to strike out all except the clause that all life members shall hereafter pay the sum of one dollar annually.” This motion was ruled out of order by the Worshipful Master, and from that ruling this appeal is taken.

The appeal alleges that the ruling of the Worshipful Master was placed upon the ground that the proposed amendment must be acted upon as a whole without striking out or adding to it, but this allegation is not sustained by the record, which is the only guide for the Committee.

The Committee are unanimous in the opinion that the Worshipful Master was correct in his ruling. The motion of the appellant was too indefinite in its terms to accomplish an intelligible result. It proposed to strike out all except the clause “that all life members shall hereafter pay the sum of one dollar annually.” The proposed By-Law contained no such clause. If the motion was not objectionable on this ground, it was clearly out of order, because its adoption would have left the By-Law without the language necessary to express the purpose of the motion. The object of the

appellant could only have been reached by putting it in writing in clear and express terms, and offering it as a substitute for, or as an amendment to the pending proposition.

The Committee offer the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Brother _____, of _____ Lodge, No. —, be dismissed.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL HARPER,

For the Committee.

The elective Grand Officers made the following report, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted and the resolution adopted.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Grand Officers, to whom the Grand Lodge referred the complaint of _____ Lodge, No. —, against _____ Lodge No. —, beg leave to report:

That they have attended to the duty imposed upon them by the Grand Lodge. At a meeting of the Grand Officers held in pursuance of notice from the Grand Master, there were present the Worshipful Master and other Brethren from _____ Lodge. _____ Lodge was not represented; but a letter was received from the Secretary, saying that owing to the expense, they did not think it expedient to send any one down to represent them, especially in view of the fact that all they had to say was already reduced to writing, and before the Grand Lodge. After hearing all that was to be said, and upon a careful consideration of all the papers submitted, we find the facts in the case to be as follows:

In August, 1876, at a stated meeting of _____ Lodge, No. —, a petition for initiation and membership was received from _____, whose residence was at Lykens,

Pennsylvania, which took the usual course. At a subsequent stated meeting of the Lodge, held November 29, 1876, a ballot was had upon the application, and Mr. ————— was black-balled. On the 13th of November, 1877, he presented a second petition in the same Lodge for initiation and membership, in which he stated that he had been previously rejected by that Lodge on the 29th of November, 1876. The petition was referred to a Committee. At the next stated meeting, held in December, 1877, the Worshipful Master directed this petition to be withdrawn, and treated as a nullity, inasmuch as the requisite time had not elapsed to entitle the applicant to make a second application for initiation since he had been rejected.

At a meeting of the same Lodge held in January, 1878, a third petition from ————— was presented, asking for initiation and membership, and also setting forth the prior rejection of the applicant. This petition was referred to a Committee in the usual manner.

At the stated meeting of ————— Lodge, held in March, 1878, the Secretary read a communication from the Grand Secretary, Brother JOHN THOMSON, to the effect that there was nothing on the books of the Grand Lodge adversely to Mr. —————. At the same time the Committee on ————— application for initiation and membership reported favorably, whereupon, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed that his application be permitted to be withdrawn from the Lodge.

At the stated meeting of the same Lodge, held in May, 1878, a letter from Brother JOHN THOMSON, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, was read, informing the Lodge that it was an error to allow this petition to be withdrawn, inasmuch as ————— had been previously rejected, and so stood upon the records of the Grand Lodge.

At the stated meeting of the same Lodge, held in June, 1878, a communication from District Deputy Grand Master, Brother —————, under date of June 10, 1878, was read, being in reply to a letter addressed to him by the Secretary

of the Lodge, which was also read. The letter from the District Deputy Grand Master was, in substance, that, in the case of the withdrawal of the petition of ————— as authorized by the Lodge, it does not alter the status of the applicant, as, throughout this State, he is still a rejected applicant, and that the Lodge should take no further action in the case.

At the stated meeting of the same Lodge held in September, 1878, a correspondence was read, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes. This correspondence was between the Secretary of the Lodge, on the one part, and the District Deputy Grand Master, ————— and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother JOHN THOMSON. The letter from ————— to the Secretary of the Lodge, directed the Secretary to state all the facts of —————'s case to the Grand Secretary, and suggested that the Lodge ask permission of the Grand Lodge to receive another application from —————. The letter from Brother JOHN THOMSON informed the Secretary that the second petition of ————— having been informally withdrawn, he could re-apply to ————— Lodge, at any time under the Ahiman Rezon, that the necessity for asking the Grand Lodge for permission to receive a new petition was done away with by the new Ahiman Rezon.

At the stated meeting of ————— Lodge, held on the 8th of October, 1878, another petition was received from —————, asking for initiation and membership, setting forth the fact that he had heretofore been rejected by the same Lodge on a similar petition, on the 29th of November, 1876. This petition was referred to a Committee to make the necessary inquiries.

At the stated meeting of the same Lodge, held on the 14th of January, 1879, the Committee upon this petition of ————— reported favorably, whereupon he was again balloted for, and rejected. Immediately following the ballot, a motion was made and adopted that a second ballot be allowed in the case of —————.

At a stated meeting of the same Lodge, held on the 8th of March, 1879, the motion for a re-ballot upon the petition of Mr. ——— came up for consideration, and was adopted. The Secretary was directed to notify the members of the Lodge of the intended ballot, and it was further resolved that the same should be taken at the next stated meeting of the Lodge.

At a stated meeting of the same Lodge, held on the 8th of April, 1879, the second ballot upon the application of Mr. ——— for initiation and membership was taken, and the applicant was again rejected.

We have stated the proceedings of ——— Lodge in regard to this applicant in full. We now proceed to state the proceedings of ——— Lodge No. —.

On the 13th of November, 1880, Mr. ——— signed a petition to ——— Lodge No. —, asking for initiation and membership. This petition is in the usual form, and states that he, the applicant, has not been heretofore rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge. This petition was presented at a stated meeting of ——— Lodge, held on the 14th of February, 1881, the recommenders being ——— and ———. It was referred to a Committee composed of Brothers ———, ——— and ——— to make the necessary inquiries.

At a stated meeting of ——— Lodge, held on the 14th of March, 1881, a communication was read from the Grand Secretary, stating that there was nothing on the record against ———. The Committee appointed to make the necessary inquiries into the case of ——— reported favorably, whereupon he was balloted for and unanimously elected. The same evening he received the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason in ——— Lodge.

It is apparent from this state of facts, all of which are shown by the records of these two Lodges, that ——— Lodge did receive an application from, and initiated a person who had been rejected in another Lodge. It is clear, therefore, that the election and initiation was unlawful and

void, and _____ Lodge must be directed to strike the name of _____ from its roll of members.

In endeavoring to fix the responsibility for this unlawful proceeding where it properly belongs, your Committee have had some little difficulty. A share of this responsibility is due to the mistake that was made in the Grand Secretary's office, when, in answer to the usual inquiry from _____ Lodge, if there was anything upon the records against _____, a certificate was returned that there was not. The practice in the Grand Secretary's office for many years has been to divide the labor of the office among several clerks and assistants, all of them men of approved fidelity and experience. Without this division of labor, it would be impossible to satisfactorily and promptly conduct the vast volume of business that necessarily passes through that office, nor is it possible for the Grand Secretary himself to give his personal supervision to all the details. We cannot, therefore, consider him individually responsible for this mistake of a subordinate, especially in view of the fact that the Brother who is charged with the important duty of making these examinations and giving these certificates is a clerk of far more than ordinary experience, prudence and care. Yet, while we regret that such a mistake did occur, we cannot but call to mind the long period of time in which this portion of the business of the Grand Lodge has been conducted without any error, and with absolute accuracy, and we feel sure that this occurrence will have the effect of making such mistakes in the future very much less likely to happen.

While, however, some measure of the responsibility is due to this error, the Grand Officers feel that the wrong which has been done might have been avoided if the officers of _____ Lodge had attended to their plain duty as laid down in the Ahiman Rezon. _____, the applicant, lived at Lykens, or Wiconisco, which is but a suburb of the same town, distant about fifteen miles by rail from Millersburg, and nearly forty-five miles by rail from Harrisburg. Indeed, in order to go by rail from Lykens, Mr. _____'s

residence, to Harrisburg, where ———— Lodge is held, it is necessary that he should go within half a mile of Millersburg.

The complaints of Lodges that this provision of the Ahiman Rezon (*i. e.*, inquiries of the Lodge nearest the residence of an applicant shall be made,) have been very frequent of late. The Committee on Appeals and the Grand Officers are often called upon to settle disputes arising out of the violation of duty by Lodges in this respect. The provisions of the Ahiman Rezon are plain. The duty of the Lodge receiving an application from a person residing at a distance is stated with particularity, and in great detail. There can be no mistake concerning it, and it is time that Lodges were made to understand what has been stated before by the Grand Officers and by the Committee on Appeals, that it is the purpose of the Grand Lodge to enforce the observance of these regulations. It is this duty which was violated by ———— Lodge in the case of Mr. ————. The petition of Mr. ———— in ———— Lodge was received on the 14th of February, 1881, and acted upon at the next stated meeting, on the 14th of March, 1881, only one month of twenty-eight days intervening. The Ahiman Rezon required them to apply to the Lodge at ———— to know if there was any Masonic objection, and not to proceed to act upon the application until after they had either received a communication from ———— Lodge in due form, under the seal of the Lodge, that there was no objection to their receiving Mr. ———— as a member, or they were bound to wait for two weeks after the next stated meeting of the ———— Lodge before they could act upon his application. They did neither of these things. Indeed, the Grand Officers have no reason to believe that any inquiry of ———— Lodge was ever made. No mention of such inquiry appears upon the minutes of ———— Lodge, nor is there any mention of an answer having been received. The first stated meeting of the Lodge at ———— which was held after Mr. ————'s application to ———— Lodge had been pre-

sented, was held on the 8th of March, and ———— Lodge proceeded to act upon his application, without the necessary certificate, on the 14th of March, a period of only six days. It was the duty of the officers of ———— Lodge to refuse to act upon that application, until they saw that the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon had been complied with throughout. That duty they neglected to do.

There are other circumstances attending this matter, which render it still more unfortunate for some of the members of ———— Lodge. The Grand Officers have been credibly informed that Mr. ———— stated to the Committee who were inquiring upon his petition to ———— Lodge that he had been rejected at ————. Brother ————, who was one of the recommenders of Mr. ———— in ———— Lodge, was a frequent visitor to the Lodge at ————, and the minutes of the Lodge at ———— show that he was present upon several occasions when the matter of Mr. ———— was under consideration, and that it must have been known by all who were in the room, that Mr. ———— had been rejected.

Under these circumstances, the Grand Officers feel that the Grand Lodge should express formally its censure of the proceedings of ———— Lodge. That we do this with regret can well be understood, for that Lodge contains some of the worthiest and best beloved of the Brethren in this jurisdiction. But, we trust that the action of the Grand Lodge in this case will be received as a warning by the Brethren throughout the jurisdiction, and will prevent any dereliction of duty in this direction from happening hereafter.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all proceedings of ———— Lodge No. —, on the petition of ———— be declared null and void, and that it be directed to strike the name of ———— from its list of members.

Resolved, That Lodge No. — be, and is hereby reprimanded.

manded for acting on the petition of an applicant residing nearer another Lodge without first complying with the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon.

SAMUEL B. DICK,
Grand Master.

CONRAD B. DAY,
Deputy Grand Master.

E. C. MITCHELL,
Senior Grand Warden.

JOS. EICHBAUM,
Junior Grand Warden.

THOMAS R. PATTON,
Grand Treasurer.

MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother SAMUEL B. DICK read a statement from the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master in reference to the action of Lodge No. —, in initiating and advancing ———— against the Landmarks of the Fraternity.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother VAUX offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of nine be appointed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, to which shall be referred the statement and correspondence just submitted by him in relation to the initiation of ———— in Lodge No.—, with instructions to take such action as the Committee may regard as demanded by its examination into the facts, and report its conclusions and recommendation for the action of the Grand Lodge.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Committee: Right Worship-

ful Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JOHN THOMSON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Brothers GETER C. SHIDLE, District Deputy Grand Master, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, District Deputy Grand Master, MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, District Deputy Grand Master, JAMES R. BARBER, District Deputy Grand Master, and SAMUEL L. FRENCH, District Deputy Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

WHEREAS, A large body of Jewish refugees, driven from their homes in a distant land by persecution, are now in the city of Philadelphia, under circumstances requiring pecuniary relief for their pressing necessities ;

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, in that spirit of universal charity which is a fundamental characteristic of the Fraternity, do hereby appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to the Treasurer of the Fund now being raised for the purpose referred to.

On motion of Brother EDWARD STRICKLAND, it was

Resolved, That three hundred dollars be donated for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire and explosion in Chester, Pennsylvania.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock 25 minutes, P. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, June 7, A. D. 1882, A. L. 5882.

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PRESENT:

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| Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
| “ CONRAD B. DAY, | - - | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| “ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ JOSEPH EICHBAUM, | - - | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i> |
| “ THOMAS R. PATTON, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| “ MICHAEL NISBET, | - - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| “ CHARLES H. KINGSTON, | | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i> |
| “ GEORGE S. GRAHAM, | - | <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| “ OSCAR R. MEYERS, | - | <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| “ JOHN S. J. McCONNELL, | } | <i>Grand Chaplains.</i> |
| “ JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D., | | |
| “ A. V. C. SCHENCK, D.D., | | |
| “ EDWARD H. SHEARER, | - | <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| “ ROBERT H. LERCH, | - | |
| “ JOHN P. CLARK, | - - | |
| “ ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, | | |
| “ M. H. HENDERSON, | - - | |
| “ IRVIN McFARLAND, | | |
| “ WM. B. MEREDITH, | - | |
| “ JAMES W. McDOWELL, | | |
| “ GEORGE A. JENKS, | - - | |

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| Bro. THOMAS S. McNAIR, | | |
| " REECE W. BARNES, | - | |
| " THADDEUS S. ADLE, | | |
| " SAMUEL L. FRENCH, | - | |
| " CHARLES L. WHEELER, | | |
| " DAVID B. TAYLOR, - | - | |
| " SAMUEL W. BROADBENT, | | |
| " GEORGE W. WOOD, - | - | |
| " JOHN F. RAU, - | - | |
| " HENRY H. HAYNES, - | - | |
| " HARRISON G. CLARK, - | | |
| " JOHN THOMSON, - | - | |
| " RICHARD VAUX, - | - | |
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| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | - | |
| " MICHEL ARNOLD, - | | |

D. D. Grand Masters.

Grand Stewards.

Grand Marshal.

Grand Sword Bearer.

Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Tyler.

R. W. Past Grand Masters.

*Grand Representative of the
Grand Lodges of New
York, Illinois, Alabama,
Texas, Minnesota, Wash-
ington Territory, and
Colon and Cuba.*

*Grand Representative of the
Grand Lodges of Canada
and Louisiana.*

*Grand Representative of the
Grand Lodge of North
Carolina.*

*Grand Representative of the
Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

*Grand Representative of the
Grand Lodge of Idaho.*

*Grand Representative of the
Grand Lodge of Arkan-
sas.*

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| Bro. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michi- gan.</i> |
| " AUGUSTUS R. HALL, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mary- land.</i> |
| " CHARLES E. MEYER, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wiscon- sin.</i> |
| " JOHN CURTIS, - - - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colo- rado.</i> |
| " WM. B. HACKENBURG, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.</i> |
| " E. HARPER JEFFRIES, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ken- tucky.</i> |
| " J. PARKER MARTIN, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennes- see.</i> |
| " JAMES W. ROBINS, - - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ne- braska.</i> |

One hundred and one Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock
20 minutes, P. M.

An appeal of ————, from the action of Lodge
No. —, in suspending him from said Lodge, was re-
ceived and referred to Committee on Appeals.

An appeal of ————, from the action of Lodge

No. —, in suspending him from said Lodge, was received and referred to Committee on Appeals.

An appeal of ————, from the action of Lodge No. —, in expelling him from said Lodge, was received and referred to Committee on Appeals.

An appeal of members of Lodge No. —, from the decision of Worshipful Master of said Lodge, was received and referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

A missive was received and read from the Most Worshipful Brother JAMES R. CAIN, Esq., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Nebraska, appointing Brother JAMES W. ROBINS Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, when, on motion, the missive was received, and Brother JAMES W. ROBINS acknowledged as the Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska near this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary reported Lodges No. 399 and 418 suspended for want of returns.

A petition for a Warrant for a Lodge to be held at Allentown, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, was received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition for a Warrant for a Lodge to be held at Scottdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following telegraph from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York was received and read:

NEW YORK, June 7th, 1882.

MICHAEL NISBET, *Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :*

The Grand Lodge of New York in Annual Session assembled, presents its fraternal regards to Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. May peace and harmony attend the labors of our sister Grand Lodge.

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, directed the following reply to be forwarded :

PHILADELPHIA, June 7th, 1882.

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, *Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Masonic Temple, New York :*

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, in Quarterly Communication assembled, receive with fraternal regard the salutation from your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and express the hope that the true principles of Freemasonry, maintenance of its Landmarks, and the fraternal sentiments which it teaches may ever mark the history of both these Grand Bodies. Saluting you in the spirit of Freemasonry, we are your Brethren in the bonds that unite the Craft.

MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, made the following report :

I would report, from the Committee on the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of Grand Lodge, that the sub-committees

having in charge the various features of the celebration, have nearly completed their arrangements, and have communicated through the Grand Secretary to the Lodges the details of the same, which, in brief are as follows :

The ceremonies in the Grand Lodge, commencing at 9 o'clock on the morning of St. John's Day, June 24th, will include an address of welcome by the Grand Master ; an address on "The Growth of Grand Lodge," by Brother the Honorable PEARSON CHURCH ; an address on "The Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," by Brother the Honorable THOMAS J. CLAYTON ; an address on "The Relations of our Subordinate Lodges to our Grand Lodge," by Brother SAMUEL HARPER.

The ceremonies in the Academy of Music will include an address by the Grand Master ; an address by His Excellency, Brother the Honorable HENRY M. HOYT, on "Masonry in its Relations to the Outer World ;" an address by Brother the Honorable HENRY W. WILLIAMS, on "Masonry in its Relations to and Effect upon the members of the Craft ;" and an address by Brother J. SIMPSON AFRICA, upon "The History of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania."

The Procession of the Craft will form on Broad street, south of the new Public Buildings, at 8 o'clock, and move at 9 o'clock prompt. I have appointed Brother the Honorable JOHN F. HARTRANFT Chief Marshal on this occasion.

I would add, for the information of the Brethren outside of Philadelphia, that I shall personally see the proper authorities of the railroad companies centreing in Philadelphia to-morrow, and endeavor to arrange for a round trip excursion ticket to Philadelphia, on June 24th, for one fare, and I have every reason to believe it can be accomplished.

I trust that as far as possible all the Lodges in the jurisdiction will appear in the procession of the Craft.

The Special Committee of Nine appointed in relation to the initiation of ————, in Lodge No. —, made the following report :

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF LODGE NO. 230.

At a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held March 1, A. L. 5882, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

“Resolved, That a Committee of nine be appointed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, to which shall be referred the statements and correspondence just submitted by him in relation to the initiation of ————, in Lodge —, with instructions to take such action as the Committee may regard as demanded by this examination into the facts, and report its conclusion and recommendation for the action of the Grand Lodge.”

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Committee: Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JOHN THOMSON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Brother GETER G. SHIDLE, Pittsburgh; Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Brother WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, Kittaning; Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Brother MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, Sharon; Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Brother JAMES R. BARBER, Titusville; Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Brother SAMUEL L. FRENCH, Plymouth.

On Tuesday, the 28th of March, at 12 o'clock noon, the Committee met. Lodge No. 230 was represented by Brothers ————, ————, ————, ————.

The facts, as presented in this case, are undisputed. It appears that one ———— applied for initiation and mem-

bership in No. —, was reported favorably, balloted for, and approved. The preparation having been completed, his Guide, ———, sent into the Lodge to the Worshipful Master, ———, who came into the preparing room. The Guide stated to the Worshipful Master that the candidate was physically imperfect, and pointed out said imperfection, when the Worshipful Master, ———, remarked “it was all right,” and he was then entered.

In the first degree, ——— was Guide, ——— acting Master, ——— acting Senior, and ——— acting Junior Warden. In the Fellow-Craft Degree, ——— was acting Master, ——— was Senior Warden; ———, Junior Warden; ———, Guide. In the third degree ——— was acting Worshipful Master; ———, Senior Warden; ———, Junior Warden, and ———, Guide.

It appears that the first objection was in the preparing room; that in the third degree the same objection was presented to the acting Master, and, with these exceptions, no notice or knowledge of a defect was made known to the Lodge. It is in vain to believe that such negligence was possible, if the Committee on the application, the recommenders, and the officers of the Lodge had pretended to perform their duties. This ignorance, this negligence, and this utter disregard of the requirements of the Craft and knowledge of the fundamental landmarks of the Fraternity cannot be passed over by this Grand Lodge, nor can either be condoned. The fidelity to landmarks is the imperative duty enjoined most solemnly on Masons and Lodges. Ignorance is neither a palliation, nor a justification. Should such a pretext, or excuse, or attempt at justification be permitted, the foundations of Freemasonry would, ere long, be utterly destroyed. It is as much the duty of the Lodge to instruct its members in the law of Freemasonry as in any other duty imposed upon them. We need not say “imposed.” It is an inherent duty, and can neither be avoided nor pretermitted. If Lodges, boasting of their ignorance, select officers to ad-

minister the functions of the Lodge, and they, like the Lodge, are untaught, unenlightened and ignorant, and gross errors are thus admitted into the work and jurisprudence of the Craft, the Lodge must bear its proper and just proportion of the condemnation. But this does not excuse the officer. If he feels himself incompetent, he must seek light. If, for any reason, he is unable to devote the time necessary for instruction, he should refuse to perform duties for which he is not qualified.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has solemnly declared :

“ Ignorance, inexperience, or lack of knowledge, or want of Masonic light, cannot, for a moment, be permitted to exempt one guilty from penalty. The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge has not the power in such a case to exempt one shown to have violated the landmark from the punishment which can only follow the commission of the offense. It is beyond the power of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge. An attempt to exercise such a power is impossible of a successful result. It is a landmark that has been violated, and the Grand Lodge has no authority over the penalty for violating the landmark. None. That case stands beyond the reach of remedy.” Ahiman Rezon, page 247.

This was the emphatic language of the Grand Lodge, and the force of its expression is only exceeded by the necessity to proclaim it to the Craft. This defect, in the present case, was a physical disqualification, but the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has asserted, in a case like the present :

“ The regulation which excludes him is coeval with the existence of the Fraternity, and cannot be dispensed with.” Ahiman Rezon, page 226.

Such being the law, proclaimed by the Grand Lodge, how can the Brethren of Lodge No. —, seek to avoid the responsibility and penalty which they have incurred, in the face of the decisions of the Grand Lodge time out of mind? The Grand Lodge has afforded all the Brethren full opportunity

to learn its laws. They have been printed and are accessible to Lodges and Brethren.

Your Committee have earnestly sought to determine what action the Grand Lodge should take in this case on the accepted and undisputed facts. It gave your Committee much anxious thought. It was asserted by the Brethren representing Lodge No. —, that upon the subject of disqualification they were misled by an interpretation of what they called qualifications. It seems that they sought to harmonize the exceptions with the actual condition of the person seeking membership in their Lodge. They laid marked stress on the fact that they had examined the question, and, admitting their ignorance of Grand Lodge decisions, they took their own interpretation, believing there was no adjudication of this point by the Grand Lodge. They asserted that the error they had committed was not intentional. On the contrary, they used their best judgment to determine the question for themselves, and thus they felt relieved from seeking information where it could be authoritatively given.

Your Committee could not accept this as either a justification, or an excuse; but it seems to have eliminated the case out of a willful indifference to the landmarks. If it was an error in judgment, very well. As an error in judgment, your Committee have sought to relieve the Lodge from the severe penalty which should be properly inflicted on both it and the officers who were connected with this violation of the law of the Craft. But this must be understood as applicable only to the particular condition of this question before the Committee. It cannot ever be regarded as a precedent to the Craft hereafter. In no sense must it be taken either as an excuse, or an avoidance of the infliction of the penalty for violated duty. The Craft throughout the jurisdiction are, here and now, warned that the usages and customs and landmarks of the Fraternity must be adhered to and obeyed. This warning having thus been solemnly given, Brethren and Lodges are notified; and, in the lan-

guage of the Grand Lodge, already quoted, that "ignorance, inexperience, or lack of knowledge, or want of Masonic light, cannot be permitted to exempt the guilty from the penalty."

That marked and affirmative condemnation must follow the disregard by the Lodge and the officers of this violation of landmark and their duty is beyond question. The Committee have consulted and reflected how this condemnation is to be expressed. The difficulty in the way is to reconcile the flagrant violation of the landmark with the reason that the Lodge and the Brethren offer for their action. If it was ignorance, neglect, or indifference on the part of the officers of this Lodge, the course of the Committee would be too plain to cause it to hesitate in asserting the penalty; but the officers of this Lodge and some of its Past Masters have given to your Committee the result of their investigation and study of the law applicable to this case. These Brethren are more guilty of the omission to seek an instruction from the Right Worshipful Grand Master before action in this case, than any intention or desire to set up the plea of ignorance for their conduct. To draw the line, therefore, between the imposition of a penalty for ignorance and neglect of duty, and the explanation given of the action of the officers of this Lodge in this case, is one of great delicacy and difficulty; but your Committee believe that they have in this report so fully stated the law, and given to the Craft a last final warning on this subject, that it is only necessary to report to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for its action, a method of condign condemnation upon this Lodge and its officers for the act they have committed, and which has now been investigated by your Committee.

Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the name of ————— be stricken from the roll of members of Lodge No. —; that Brother —————, the Master of Lodge No. — at the time of the proceedings in said Lodge, on the application of said

————— for initiation and membership in said Lodge, be expelled from Freemasonry.

RICHARD VAUX,
Chairman.

JUNE 7, 1882.

On motion of Brother M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ, the report was received. Brother EDWARD MATTHEWS moved that the resolution be divided, which was agreed to. When upon consideration of that part of the resolution to strike the name of ————— from the roll of members of Lodge No. —, a vote was taken. A division was then called for, when the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, decided that the act was in violation of the landmarks of the Fraternity; that without any further action upon the part of the Grand Lodge, he would decide that the name of ————— be stricken from the roll of members of No. —. Upon the question on the remainder of the resolution, Brother JOHN C. YEAGER moved to strike out “expelled,” and insert “suspended for one year,” which amendment was agreed to. The question was then taken on the resolution as amended, which was lost.

Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX moved to refer the whole matter to the Committee on Landmarks, which was declared out of order. A motion was then made to reconsider the report and resolution, when Brother J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON moved to lay the whole matter on the table, which was agreed to.

Brother DAVID B. TAYLOR moved that the Acacia

Tree now in the Library Room be sent to Horticultural Hall, when it was

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Committee on Library.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock 20 minutes P. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary.

SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

The following preliminary information concerning the origin and preparation for the Sesqui-Centennial celebration of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, would seem in place here :

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held March 2, A. D. 1881, A. L. 5881, Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted :

WHEREAS, The one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the First Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—the earliest Communication of a Grand Lodge in America, will occur on St. John's Day, June 24, A. D. 1882, A. L. 5882 ;

AND WHEREAS, This appears to be a fitting occasion for the commemoration by the Craft in Pennsylvania of the introduction of Freemasonry into this jurisdiction, its rapid growth during the past one hundred and fifty years, and its present flourishing condition ;

Resolved, That a committee of five, in addition to the elective officers of the Grand Lodge, be appointed to consider the expediency of holding an appropriate Masonic celebration in Philadelphia, on St. John's Day, June 24, A. L. 5882, to report at the Quarterly Communication in June next.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, Brothers CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, CHARLES W.

BATCHELOR and SAMUEL L. FRENCH as said Committee.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held June 1, A. D. 1881, A. L. 5881, the Special Committee appointed to consider the expediency of holding an appropriate Masonic celebration in Philadelphia, on St. John's Day, June 24, A. L. 5882, made the following report, which was, on motion, approved, and the resolution thereto attached adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of Grand Lodge:

The Special Committee of Five, in addition to the elective officers of the Grand Lodge, to which was referred the question of "the expediency of holding an appropriate Masonic celebration, in Philadelphia, on St. John's Day, June 24, A. L. 5882," in honor of "the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the First Annual Grand Communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—the earliest Communication of a Grand Lodge in America," under the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March last, beg leave to report, that, after full and careful consideration of the subject-matter committed to them, your Committee unanimously resolved to recommend to Grand Lodge the following resolution, for adoption at the June Quarterly Communication:

"Resolved, That this committee considers it not only expedient but eminently advisable and proper that an appropriate Masonic celebration be held in Philadelphia, on St. John's Day, June 24, A. L. 5882, to commemorate the Sesqui-Centennial of the First Annual Grand Communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and first election of a Grand Master for this jurisdiction.

"Resolved, That the early introduction, rapid growth during the past one hundred and fifty years, and present flourish-

ing condition of the Craft in Pennsylvania, call for special recognition in connection with this event.

“*Resolved*, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be recommended to appoint a Committee of Twenty-one Brethren, to whom the elective Grand Officers shall be added, to have charge of said celebration, and make all fitting arrangements therefor.”

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL B. DICK,

Grand Master.

CONRAD B. DAY,

Deputy Grand Master.

E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,

Senior Grand Warden.

JOS. EICHBAUM,

Junior Grand Warden.

THOMAS R. PATTON,

Grand Treasurer.

MICHAEL NISBET,

Grand Secretary.

RICHARD VAUX,

R. A. LAMBERTON,

CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held December 27, A. D. 1881, A. L. 5881, the Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication, held June 1, A. L. 5881, to have charge of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, made the following report, which was read, when, on motion, the report was accepted and approved:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge:

The Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication, held June 1, 1881, A. L. 5881, to have charge of the Sesqui-

Centennial Celebration on the 24th day of June next, respectfully report:

That the Committee met at the Temple on Tuesday, the 6th day of December, 1881, and effected a permanent organization by the choice of Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, as Chairman, and Brothers CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, of Lodge 67, and J. SIMPSON AFRICA, of Lodge No. 300, as Secretaries.

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Sesqui-Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be an event of such importance as to justify its celebration in a manner at once formal and brilliant; and

WHEREAS, The entire Craft in Pennsylvania is interested in its observance, and should have opportunity to participate therein; and

WHEREAS, The celebration will occur at a period of the year, the 24th day of June, when the weather is peculiarly favorable for an open-air demonstration, in connection with the in-door proceedings; therefore,

Resolved, That the day be observed as follows:

1st. By the opening of the Grand Lodge and appropriate ceremonies therein.

2d. By a procession of the Craft.

3d. By proper ceremonies at the American Academy of Music, and

4th. By a banquet in the evening.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL B. DICK,

Chairman.

CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA,

J. SIMPSON AFRICA,

Secretaries.

The following Sub-Committees were appointed to

arrange, under the supervision of the Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother the Honorable SAMUEL B. DICK, the details of the celebration :

Committee on Academy, Programme and Speakers.—Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, *Chairman*, Past Grand Master Brother MICHAEL NISBET, Brothers HENRY M. DECHERT, J. SIMPSON AFRICA, and C. W. BATCHELOR.

Committee on Printing—Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, *Chairman*, Brothers JACOB F. QUILLMAN, CONRAD B. DAY, THOMAS R. PATTON, and FREDERICK H. KELLER.

Committee on Ceremonies in Grand Lodge—Past Grand Master, Brother the Honorable RICHARD VAUX, *Chairman*, Brother E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, Brothers ASA B. STEVENS, and M. H. HENDERSON.

Committee on Procession—Brother E. HARPER JEFFRIES, *Chairman*, Brothers JOSEPH EICHBAUM, ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, D. H. NEIMAN, and B. FRANK ABBETT.

Committee on Aprons—Brother CONRAD B. DAY, *Chairman*, Brothers E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, Past Grand Master Brother MICHAEL NISBET, Brothers C. W. MACKEY, and J. L. LEMBERGER.

The Committee on Sesqui-Centennial Celebration met in the Grand Master's Room, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, December 28, A. D. 1881, A. L. 5881,

and subsequently by adjournment. Right Worshipful Brother the Honorable SAMUEL B. DICK, Grand Master, presided, and the following Brethren were present :

Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Brothers E. HARPER JEFFRIES, HENRY M. DECHERT, JOHN G. BOBB, ASA B. STEVENS, CHARLES W. BATCHELOR, JOHN J. WADSWORTH, B. FRANK ABBETT, M. H. HENDERSON, CHARLES W. MACKEY, JACOB F. QUILLMAN, J. SIMPSON AFRICA, ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, DANIEL H. NEIMAN, JOSEPH L. LEMBERGER, FREDERICK H. KELLER, THOMAS J. CLAYTON and S. M. JACKSON.

After due deliberation it was determined, that the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be observed on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, A. D. 1882, A. L. 5882, as follows :

(1) By the opening of Grand Lodge in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and appropriate ceremonies therein.

(2) By a Procession of the Craft.

(3) By appropriate ceremonies in the American Academy of Music.

(4) By a Banquet in the evening.

Past Grand Master, Brother the Honorable RICHARD VAUX, Chairman of Committee on Ceremonies in Grand Lodge, reported the following plan of ceremonies, which was adopted :

(1) Opening of Grand Lodge at 9 o'clock A. M.

(2) Address of Welcome by Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother the Honorable SAMUEL B. DICK.

(3) Address on "The Growth of Grand Lodge," by Brother the Honorable PEARSON CHURCH.

(4) Address on "The Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge," by Brother the Honorable THOMAS J. CLAYTON.

(5) Address on "The Relations of our Subordinate Lodges to our Grand Lodge," by Brother SAMUEL HARPER.

(6) Anthem, Ad Primam.

(7) Benediction.

Past Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Chairman of Committee on Ceremonies in American Academy of Music, reported the following, which was adopted :

(1) Address of Welcome, by Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother the Honorable SAMUEL B. DICK.

(2) Address on "Masonry in its Relations to the

Outer World," by His Excellency, Brother the Honorable HENRY M. HOYT.

(3) Address on "Masonry in its Relations and Effect upon Members of the Craft," by Brother the Honorable HENRY W. WILLIAMS.

(4) Address on "The History of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania," by Brother J. SIMPSON AFRICA.

Brother CONRAD B. DAY, Chairman of Committee on Aprons, reported that eight thousand aprons had been purchased, to be worn by Brethren in the Procession of the Craft, which aprons would be furnished to the Lodges at cost.

Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Chairman of Committee on Printing, reported original designs for the Cards of Invitation, which were adopted.

Brother E. HARPER JEFFRIES, Chairman of the Committee on Procession, reported the following, which was adopted :

Procession of the Craft to form on Broad street, south of Chestnut street, at 8 o'clock A. M., in eight divisions, and move promptly at 9 o'clock, up Broad street to Columbia avenue and return to the Academy of Music.

Brother the Honorable SAMUEL B. DICK, Right Worshipful Grand Master, was pleased to appoint Brother the Honorable JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Chief Marshal of the Procession of the Craft.

GENERAL ORDERS.

OFFICE OF THE
GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Free and Accepted Masons,
MASONIC TEMPLE,
Broad and Filbert Sts.
PHILADELPHIA, February 9th, 1882-5882.

Lodge No......

BRETHREN :

The Grand Lodge having decided to celebrate the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of its organization on the 24th day of June next, by appropriate ceremonies in Grand Lodge, by a parade of the Craft, and by appropriate ceremonies in the American Academy of Music in this city, it is hoped that the Craft in this jurisdiction will do all in its power to give éclat to the occasion, and make it such a success as will redound to its honor and glory in the future.

Sub-Committees have been appointed to arrange the details of the celebration and report to the General Committee on the 1st of March, after which date further and more precise information will be given.

In the mean time the Sub-Committee on Aprons—who will contract for all aprons necessary on the occasion, and furnish them to Lodges at cost price—wish to know how many aprons will be needed by your Lodge, that it may be able to make its contract for their delivery in due time.

Your early reply to this will enable the Committee to expedite its labor and avoid disappointment.

By order of Committee on Sesqui-Centennial Celebration.

MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary.

MASONIC TEMPLE,
Broad and Filbert Streets.

PHILADELPHIA, March 20th, 1882.

M. W. SIR & BROTHER :

Please inform R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother Michael Nisbet, of your reply to this invitation, and if accepted, of the place of your sojourn in this city, on your arrival.

The R. W. Grand Master will be at the Masonic Temple on the Evening of Friday, June 23d, 1882.

Yours Fraternally,

SAMUEL B. DICK,

R. W. Grand Master.

OFFICE OF THE
GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Free and Accepted Masons,
MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS.
Circular No. 2.

PHILADELPHIA, April 13th, 1882-5882.

BRETHREN :

You are hereby informed that the Procession on the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Lodge will be formed in time to move precisely at 9 A. M. There will be no delay in starting, and Lodges not in their proper places at that hour will be left out of the line.

Major-General Brother John F. Hartranft, will have command of the Procession, who, by the authority of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, will issue all orders in reference thereto.

The dress to be worn in the Procession will be as prescribed in Article 14, Section 1, page 43, of Ahiman Rezon. No aprons to be worn except those furnished by the Committee. The Officers of the Lodges are to wear the same style of apron as the members, and their jewels are to be worn on the left lapel of the coat suspended by a blue ribbon.

Bands may be uniformed, and Lodges that have engaged bands will be allowed to retain them.

GRAND LODGE

PENNA. F. & A. M.

A.L. 5732

A.L. 5882

Dear Sir & Brother:
The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free &
Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania purposes
to celebrate the Sesqui Centennial Anniversary
of its organization on St. John the Baptist's Day,
June 24th A.L. 5882. I have the pleasure to
extend to you a Cordial and Fraternal
Invitation to be present and participate
in the Ceremonies of the occasion.

Fraternally Yours,
Masonic Temple,
Phila. March, 5882.

Samuel B. Dick,
P. M. Grand Master.

Orders for aprons are to be sent to the Grand Secretary. The price of the aprons will be 50 cents each, and the money for them must accompany the order.

Enclosed you will find programme of ceremonies in Grand Lodge, and when further arrangements are completed, due notice will be sent you.

By order of Committee on Sesqui-Centennial Celebration.

MICHAEL NISBET,

Grand Secretary.

Circular No. 3.

CEREMONIES IN GRAND LODGE

ON

ST. JOHN'S DAY, JUNE 24, 5882,

Commemorative of the 150th Anniversary of the Formation
of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and
Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto
Belonging.

1. The Invited Guests and Members of the Grand Lodge will assemble in Grand Lodge Room at 8.45 A.M.

2. The Grand Lodge will open at 9 o'clock.

Neither members or guests will be admitted after Grand Lodge opens.

3. Right Worshipful the Hon. Samuel B. Dick, Grand Master, will make an Address, stating the purpose of the Commemorative Ceremonies of the occasion, and tendering a Fraternal Welcome to the visiting Brethren.

4. An Address by Past Master of Lodge No. 408, Brother the Hon. Pearson Church, President Judge of Crawford County.

Subject: "The Growth of Grand Lodge."

5. An Address by Past Master of Lodge No. 71, Brother the Hon. Thomas J. Clayton, President Judge of Delaware County.

Subject: "The Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania."

6. An Address by Brother Past Master Samuel Harper, of Lodge No. 219, at Pittsburgh.

Subject: "The Relation of our Subordinate Lodges to our Grand Lodge."

7. Anthem, *Ad Primam*.

Music and Chorus under the Direction of Brother Aaron R. Taylor.

8. Benediction.

9. Grand Lodge Closes.

The Brethren will remain in Grand Lodge Room until the time for Grand Lodge to take its place in the procession.

MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary.

MASONIC TEMPLE,
Broad and Filbert Streets.

• PHILADELPHIA, May 1st, 1882.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MARSHALS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

By the enclosed diagram you will observe that each Lodge will be formed left in front, according to height, the tallest men on the right, in sections of six, single rank. The distance between each section will be six feet in the clear, that is, from the back of the man in front to the breast of the man immediately in his rear; it is positively necessary that the proper distance between the sections be carefully observed on the line of march, so that when the procession is halted the line can be formed on the right and left of each section without confusion.

The procession will move Northward on the East side of Broad street to Columbia avenue, and return on the West side of Broad street. When the Junior Lodge arrives in front of the Masonic Temple on the return march, the procession will be halted, and the lines will be formed on the

No. 2.

No. 1

Formation of a subordinate Lodge in open ranks halted and facing inward

Formation of a subordinate Lodge left in front.

Right

Left

Left

Right

WM
J Ward
Treas.
PMast
PMast
PMast
JunDeacon
J M of Cerem
Guide or Chaplain

Marshal
S.Ward
Sec
PMast
PMast
PMast
Sen Deacon
S.M. of Cerem
Pursuivant





right and left man of each section, facing inward, in the position represented by fig. No. 2.

Your Lodge having been halted, you will give the command :

Form open column, on the right and left of sections—March.

Previous to which, you will caution the men on the extreme right and left of each section to stand fast, until commanded to face inward. Number 4 (see figure No. 1) will advance to the right and cover number 6 of the preceding section ; number 5 will also advance to the right and cover number 4 ; number 3 will advance to the left and cover number 1 of the preceding section ; number 2 will also advance to the left and cover number 3 ; each one taking facing distance, so that when faced inward there will be a light touch of the elbows along the whole length of both lines.

The column being left in front, both lines will thus be formed facing toward the head of the procession ; this movement being completed, you will then give the command :

Inward face—right and left dress.

You will then see that both lines are properly dressed, when you will give the command :

Front.

And immediately take position on the right of your line, opposite to, and facing, the Worshipful Master.

The above instructions must be strictly observed, in order to avoid any confusion in the formation and movements of the procession.

The Marshal of each Lodge will carry a wand, on the top of which will be affixed the number of his Lodge. On the march he will take position as represented in figure No. 1.

JOHN F. HARTRANFT,
Chief Marshal.

MASONIC TEMPLE,
Broad and Filbert Streets.

ORDERS No. 1.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1st, 1882.

I. The undersigned having been appointed by the R. W. Grand Master, Chief Marshal of the procession on June 24th next, in Commemoration of the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, hereby assumes command.

II. Brother George H. North, P. M. of Union Lodge, No. 121, is hereby appointed Chief of Aids. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly, and all Communications relative to the procession should be addressed to him, 310 Stock Exchange Place, Philadelphia.

III. Lodges will report on, or before the 3d day of June, the number of members that will participate in the procession, with the name and address of the Marshal.

IV. Lodges from other jurisdictions will parade with the Lodges by which they are invited.

V. The line of procession will be formed left in front, on Broad street, south of Chestnut street, the head of the Column resting on Chestnut street, at 8 o'clock, A. M., and will move promptly at 9 o'clock, A.M.

VI. The formation of Lodges, and breaking into line at open order, will be as shown by the inclosed diagram.

By authority of the R. W. Grand Master,

JOHN F. HARTRANFT, *Chief Marshal.*

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PHILADELPHIA, May 27, 1882-5882.

Circular No. 4.

PROGRAMME OF CEREMONIES

IN

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC,

ST. JOHN'S DAY, JUNE 24th, 5882,

Commemorative of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

GRAND MARCH.

INVOCATION.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

Address of Welcome by the Right Worshipful the Honorable Samuel B. Dick, Grand Master.

VOCAL MUSIC. Chorus.

Address by His Excellency Brother Henry M. Hoyt, Governor of Pennsylvania.

Subject: "Masonry in its Relations to the outer World."

VOCAL MUSIC. Chant.

Address by Brother the Honorable Henry W. Williams, President Judge of the Fourth District of Pennsylvania.

Subject: "Masonry in its Relations to and Effect upon the Members of the Craft."

VOCAL MUSIC. Cantata.

Address by Brother J. Simpson Africa, of Huntingdon, Pa.

Subject: "History of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania."

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

The Officers of Grand Lodge and their guests will enter the Academy of Music by the stage door on Locust street, and take seats on the stage.

The members of the Grand Lodge will be admitted at Broad street entrance by ticket, which will be furnished them at the doors.

Other Brethren will be admitted by tickets, which will be distributed pro rata among the Lodges participating in the procession, on application of the Worshipful Masters. These tickets can be obtained at the Temple on and after June 21st proximo, where a Committee will be in attendance from 7 to 9.30 P.M., and on the morning of the procession from 7 to 8.30 o'clock.

MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary.

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PHILADELPHIA, June 8th, 1882.

ORDERS No. 2.—

The following directions are published for the formation and movement of the Parade on the 24th inst:

The line of procession will be formed left in front on Broad street, south of Chestnut street, at 8 o'clock, A. M., and will move promptly at 9 o'clock, A. M., as follows:

8th Division—Brother Robert P. Dechert Marshal, in column on East side of Broad street, head of column on Chestnut street, in the following order: Lodges No. 558, 557, 556, 555, 554, 553, 552, 551, 550, 549, 548, 547, 546, 545, 544, 543, 542, 541, 540, 539, 538, 537, 536, 535, 534, 533, 532, 531, 530, 529, 528, 527, 526, 525, 524, 523, 522, 521, 520, 519, 518, 517, 516, 515, 514, 513, 512, 511, 510, 509, 508, 507, 506, 505, 504, 503, 502, 501, 500, 499, 498.

7th Division—Brother J. P. S. Gobin, Marshal, in column on west side of Broad street, head of column on Walnut street, in the following order: Lodges No. 496, 495, 494, 493, 492, 491, 490, 489, 488, 487, 486, 485, 484, 483, 482, 481, 480, 479, 478, 477, 476, 475, 474, 473, 472, 471, 470, 469, 468, 467, 466, 465, 464, 463, 462, 461, 460, 459, 458, 457, 456, 455, 454, 453, 451, 450, 449, 448, 446, 445.

6th Division—Brother C. W. Batchelor, Marshal, in column on Spruce street, east of Broad street, head of column on Broad street, in the following order: Lodges No. 444, 443, 442, 441, 440, 439, 438, 437, 436, 435, 434, 433, 432, 431, 430, 429, 428, 427, 426, 425, 424, 423, 421, 420, 419, 418, 417, 416, 415, 414, 413, 412, 411, 410, 409, 408, 406, 405, 404, 403, 402, 401, 400, 399, 398, 397, 396, 395, 393, 392.

5th Division—Brother William B. Smith, Marshal, in column on Spruce street, west of Broad street, head of column on Broad street in the following order: Lodges No. 391, 390, 389, 388, 387, 386, 385, 384, 383, 382, 381, 380, 379, 378, 377, 376, 375, 374, 373, 372, 371, 370, 369, 368, 367, 366, 365, 364, 363, 362, 361, 360, 359, 358, 357, 355, 354, 353, 352, 351, 350, 349, 348, 347, 346, 345, 344, 343, 342, 341, 340.

4th Division—Brother John W. Schall, Marshal, in column on Locust street, east of Broad street, head of column on Broad street, in the following order: Lodges No. 339, 338, 337, 336, 335, 334, 333, 332, 331, 330, 329, 328, 327, 326, 325, 324, 323, 322, 321, 320, 319, 318, 317, 316, 315, 314, 313, 312, 311, 310, 309, 308, 307, 306, 305, 304, 303, 302, 301, 300, 299, 298, 297, 296, 295, 294, 292, 291, 290, 289.

3d Division—Brother Presley N. Guthrie, Marshal, in column on Broad street, in the following order: Lodges No. 288, 287, 286, 285, 284, 283, 282, 281, 278, 277, 276, 275, 274, 273, 272, 271, 270, 269, 268, 267, 266, 265, 264, 263, 262, 261, 260, 259, 258, 256, 255, 254, 253, 252, 250, 249, 248, 247, 246, 245, 244, 243, 242, 241, 240, 238, 237, 236, 234, 233.

2d Division—Brother George R. Snowden, Marshal, in column on Walnut street, east of Broad street, head of column on Broad street, in the following order: Lodges No. 232, 231, 230, 229, 228, 227, 226, 225, 224, 223, 222, 221, 220, 219, 218, 216, 211, 203, 199, 197, 194, 190, 187, 186, 164, 163, 158, 156, 155, 153, 152, 144, 143, 138, 135, 134, 131, 130, 126, 125, 121, 115, 114, 108, 106, 91, 81, 75.

1st Division—Brother James W. Latta, Marshal, in column on Walnut street, west of Broad street, head of column on Broad street, in the following order: Lodges No. 72, 71, 70, 67, 62, 61, 60, 59, 52, 51, 45, 43, 25, 22, 21, 19, 9, 3, 2, and Lodges from other jurisdictions who are not the guests of any particular Lodge of this jurisdiction.

The Column will march up Broad street on the east side to Columbia avenue; then countermarch down Broad street on the west side to the Masonic Temple and there halt. The ranks will then be opened in accordance with Diagram published with Orders No. 1, the Brethren facing inward. The Officers of the Grand Lodge will pass through the column. As each Subordinate Lodge is passed, its officers and Past Masters will join the Grand Lodge. After the Grand Lodge has passed, the Subordinate Lodges will countermarch through the lines in column by twos, under the com-

mand of the Marshal, right in front. Bands of music will be particular to march by twos in column through the lines at open order. When the Officers of the Grand Lodge arrive at the right of each Lodge the members will immediately uncover and remain so until all the Grand Officers have passed.

Officers of the Grand Lodge will alone wear the Masonic clothing of their respective stations.

Officers of Subordinate Lodges and Past Masters will wear the Jewel of their Office on the left lapel of the coat, suspended by a piece of blue ribbon, and wear the apron authorized for this occasion by the Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Dress must be strictly adhered to. It is essential that distance should be well preserved. Upon the ground of formation, the column will be closely massed and during the march the distance between each section of six, will be six feet in the clear. The guide will be left, and the chief of section, number one man, will act as such guide. Lodges marching to the point of formation (except the 8th and 7th Divisions), will not move upon Broad street between Chestnut and Spruce streets.

Division Marshals are charged with the proper preservation of distances. They will advise the Chief Marshal, should there be necessity to halt, to close up. Aids should be detailed to observe each division column, they will keep their chiefs advised of its condition. Division Marshals and aids will not be mounted.

Division Marshals will place at the head of their column a Lodge with a band of music. Should the first Lodge in a Division, as directed by this order, not have a band of music, the first Lodge following with a band should be placed at the head of the column.

Each Division arriving at Broad and Filbert streets, after the Grand Lodge has passed, will be dismissed.

Wands, with number of Lodge affixed at end, will be issued to Marshals of Lodges on application to Grand Masters' Room, on and after the 20th inst.

Bands will take position when the column is at open order, in the rear.

It is the duty of the Marshal of each Lodge to have the Lodge promptly in the locality which is assigned to this order, to attend exclusively to, and to be accountable for, the good order of his Lodge, and impress upon the members the necessity of observing silence, strict order and decorum throughout, in order that every member may be enabled to hear distinctly any command that may be given, to permit no Brother to leave the ranks, and see that the directions of the Division and Chief Marshals are strictly enforced.

The Chief Marshal will wear a badge of Purple, Division Marshals, Blue, and Aids, White. These will be supplied by the Chief Marshal. A meeting of all the Marshals will be held at the Masonic Temple, on Friday, the 23d inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

The following Aids to the Chief Marshal are announced:

GEORGE H. NORTH.

Chief of Aids.

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| RUSSELL THAYER, | S. BONNAFFON, Jr. |
| SILAS W. PETTIT, | JAS. D. KEYSER, |
| AARON K. DUNKLE, | JAMES M. COX, |
| B. K. JAMISON, | E. G. MARTIN, M.D., |
| WM. BALDWIN, | B. FRANK ESHLEMAN, |
| JAMES C. WRAY, | OTTO SCHAETTLE. |
| THEO. E. WIEDERSHEIM, | |

Additional appointments will be hereafter announced.

By direction of

JOHN F. HARTRANFT, *Chief Marshal.*

GEORGE H. NORTH, *Chief of Aids.*

MASONIC TEMPLE,

· Broad and Filbert Streets.

PHILADELPHIA, June 8th, 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

Please inform R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother Michael Nisbet, of your reply to this invitation.

The R. W. Grand Master will be at the Masonic Temple
on the Evening of Friday, June 23d, 1882.

Yours Fraternally,

SAMUEL B. DICK,

R. W. Grand Master.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

PHILADA., June 12th, 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

I have completed arrangements with the different lines of Railroads to sell tickets to Philadelphia and return, good from June 22d to June 26th, for one fare to attend the Celebration, June 24th.

As we desire to make this a notable event, I especially request all District Deputy Grand Masters to be present, and at once make known to the Lodges in their District the favorable terms made by the Railroads, and endeavor to secure as large an attendance as possible.

Fraternally Yours,

SAMUEL B. DICK,

Grand Master.

REGRETS

Were received from the following named distinguished Brethren:

M. I. Green, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and Wm. H. Dingler, Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Lancolan Minor, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and Fay Hempstead, Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

William D. Todd, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and Edward C. Parmlee, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Colorado.

John Q. Adams, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and Alex. G. Abell, Grand Secretary; A. M. Brown, Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge of California.

Thomas H. Brown, M. W. Grand Master, T. J. Wilder, R. W. Senior Grand Warden Grand Lodge of Dakota.

W. E. Anderson M. W. Grand Master; De Witt C. Dawkins, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Florida.

I. I. Wright, M. W. Grand Master; I. H. Estill, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, J. Emmitt Blackshear, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Theophilus W. Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden of Idaho.

Daniel M. Browning, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; L. L. Mann, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Illinois.

P. R. Gouldsby, R. W. Junior Grand Warden Grand Lodge of Indian Territory.

W. W. Douglass, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; T. S. Parvin, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Wm. R. Whitaker, M. W. Grand Master; D. R. Graham, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; James C. Batchelor, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

William R. G. Eistes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Maine.

Alexander M. Dickery, M. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Samuel C. Lawrence, M. W. Grand Master, and Samuel Wells, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Frederick Spied, M. W. Grand Master of Mississippi.

Cornelius Hedges, R. W. Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge of Montana.

James Cain, M. W. Grand Master; E. F. Warren, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Samuel W. Hayes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; John J. Wemple, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; William R. Bowen, R. W. Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

John D. Hammond, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Nevada.

Benjamin F. Flagler, M. W. Grand Master; Wm. A. Brodie, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; John Boyd, R. W. Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of New York.

H. F. Grainger, M. W. Grand Master; R. Bingham, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; W. E. Anderson, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and Donald W. Bain, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Robert S. Franklin, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Edwin Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

A. H. White, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; John G. Honour, R. W. Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

William Randle, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; B. R. Harris, R. W. Junior Grand Warden Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Christopher Diehl, R. W. Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Utah.

F. H. Hill, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; William B. Isaacs, R. W. Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Alfred A. Hall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden Grand Lodge of Vermont.

Odell S. Long, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

E. E. Chaping, M. W. Grand Master; Wm. C. Swain, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; John J. Woodhull, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Robert Wilson, M. W. Grand Master; John Reid, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; E. F. Cheney, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; John H. Symons, R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory.

Henry L. Waldo, M. W. Grand Master; William G. Ritch, R. W. Grand Treasurer; David J. Miller, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

Hon. Benjamin Dean, of Massachusetts; Hon. Enoch T. Carson, of Ohio; Major General Winfield S. Hancock, Hon. John G. Trunkey, President Judge Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; Hon. Samuel J. Randall, Hon. Amos Townsend, Hon. William R. Cox, Hon. A. C. Harmer.

The following telegram and letters were received:

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, 6 mo. 21, 1882.

MICHAEL NISBET, Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska, now holding its Quarter Centennial Communication, sends congratulation to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on its Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary.

EDWIN F. WARREN, Grand Master.

WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 2, 1882.

R. W. DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

I acknowledge with very many thanks the kind invitation extended to me to be present at, and to participate in, the interesting ceremonies to take place 24th June in your city, but must with the greatest regret have to decline, as our Grand Lodge meeting takes place the following day, and sincerely hope that it may be a season of true fraternal greetings, and shower honor and glory on the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania. With fraternal regards, believe me, R. W. Dear Sir and Bro.,

Yours fraternally,

COOTE M. CHAMBERS, Grand Master, B. C.

MICHAEL NISBET, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, May 2, 1882.

R. W. DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :

In reply to the invitation of the M. W. G. Master, Bro. S. B. Dick to be with you on St. John's Day, I must most respectfully beg to decline, as the distance precludes the possibility of my being present. I shall, however, be with you in spirit, and heartily wish you a pleasant reunion and long-continued prosperity, and beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,

HENRY BROWN,

Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

To the R. W. G. Secretary Bro. M. NISBET, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, U. S.

VICTORIA, B. C., 9th May, 1882.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER :

It is with great regret that I have to inform you of my inability to accept your fraternal invitation to participate in the ceremonies to be observed on 24th June next.

Yours fraternally,

W. T. LIVOCK, S. G. W.

R. W. Grand Secretary Bro. M. NISBET.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, B. C., 10th May, 1882. }

MICHAEL NISBET, Esq., Grand Secretary, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother :

I am duly in receipt of your cordial and friendly invitation to participate in the celebration of the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the M. W. G. L. of Pennsylvania, and much regret that the distance between us will preclude the possibility of my accepting it. Please convey my hearty good wishes to your Gd. Master and Brethren.

Yours very fraternally,

EDGAR CROW BAKER, Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER, GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, }
 CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE, HAMILTON, 18th May, 1882. }

MICHAEL NISBET, Esq., Grand Secretary, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother:

Much as I should be pleased to be with you, and participate in your Sesqui-Centennial celebration on the 24th prox., I find it will be utterly impossible to do so, as well on account of the then near approach of the meeting of our own Grand Lodge, as an almost unsurmountable difficulty of being relieved from business cares for the length of time necessary to render the visit pleasurable, as I know it would be interesting and instructive.

With many thanks for your most kind and fraternal invitation, and trusting an unbounded measure of success may attend your celebration, I am Dear Sir and R. W. Bro.,

Fraternally yours,
 E. MITCHELL, Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, FREEMASONS' HALL, }
 GREAT QUEEN ST., LONDON, W. C., 4 May, 1882. }

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER:

I am commanded by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, to thank the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for his fraternal invitation to their Sesqui-Centennial anniversary on the 24th June next, and to express His Royal Highness' regret that his numerous engagements renders it impossible for him to accept. I am, R. W. Sir and Bro.,

Yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, COLONEL,
 G. S. of England.

R. W. Bro. M. NISBET, G. Sec'y Pennsylvania.

HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY, May 6, 1882.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER:

I am in receipt of your invitation for the 24th June, and beg to thank you most sincerely for the same. I am very

sorry I cannot be with you on the occasion of the "Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary," as I cannot leave London at that time. I am

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR HILL.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, FREEMASONS' HALL, }
GREAT QUEEN ST., LONDON, W. C., 4 May, 1882. }

BROTHER LORD CARRINGTON, Senior Grand Warden of England, begs to thank the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for his kind invitation to their anniversary meeting on 24th June next, and which Lord Carrington regrets he will be unable to avail himself of.

MANSION HOUSE, LONDON, May 15, 1882.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR, Junior Grand Warden, regrets he is unable to accept Brother Dick's kind invitation to the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, on Friday, June 24th.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, FREEMASONS' HALL, }
GREAT QUEEN ST., LONDON, W. C., 4 May, 1882. }

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO. :

I beg to thank your M. W. Grand Master for his fraternal invitation to your very interesting meeting on the 24th June next. Nothing I should like more than to be able to attend it; but, unfortunately, the pressure of my official business here is such, that it will be impossible for me to go over to join. Wishing you a very successful gathering,

Believe me, yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, COLONEL G. S.

R. W. Bro. M. NISBET, Grand Sec'y, Pennsylvania.

BARON'S COURT, IRELAND, June 12, 1882.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER :

I regret that I am unable to accept your fraternal invitation to be present at the ceremonies of the Sesqui-Centennial

Anniversary of the organization of the Right Worshipful
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.
Fraternally yours,

ABERCORN, Grand Master of Ireland.

31 LOWER LEESON, DUBLIN, May 5, 1882.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER:

I regret extremely it is not in my power to accept the kind and fraternal invitation of the R. W. Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of Pennsylvania, to be present on the 24th June next. I could not leave Ireland in any case at that time of the year, and besides a very recent heavy domestic bereavement renders me unfit to take part in any festivities or ceremonies. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, I desire to convey our most hearty and fraternal good wishes to your Grand Lodge. Believe me to remain,

Yours fraternally,

ROBT. WM. SHEKLETON, 33°,

Deputy Grand Master of Ireland.

R. W. Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

40 RUTLAND SQUARE, DUBLIN, 10th day of May, 1882.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:

I am exceedingly obliged for your very kind invitation to be present and participate in the ceremony to celebrate the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, on the 24th June. I assure you, I regret very much that it is not in my power to accept of your hospitality. Wishing you every success, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

ROBT. WARREN, G. T., G. L. Ireland.

R. W. S. B. DICK, Grand Master, Philadelphia.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 27, 1882.

R. W. AND DEAR BRO.:

Since penning the within, I have resigned the office of Grand Secretary, and have been elected Deputy Grand Master of New Brunswick, and have received the card of invitation addressed to that officer. Will you do me the favor to convey to the R. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, my warmest thanks for the honor extended to me, and express to him my regrets that my public duties are of such a nature as to prevent me from being present and sharing in the august ceremonial to take place on June 24th.

With heartiest wishes for the complete success of everything in connection with the interesting event, and with best wishes for a long career of prosperity and usefulness to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I beg to subscribe myself,

Your faithful friend and Brother,

W. F. BUNTING, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, Grand Sec'y of F. and A. M.,
Philadelphia.

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 19, 1882.

MICHAEL NISBET, Esq., R. W. G. Sec. Grand Lodge A. F.
and A. M. of Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir and Bro.:

I regret that my business will not allow of my accepting the invitation of your Grand Lodge to be present at the celebration of the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of its organization on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, A. L. 5882. Wishing you a happy time, I remain, dear sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

HARRY BECKWITH,

G. S. W. of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M.
of New Brunswick.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, F. & A. M. }
 SAINT JOHN, N. B., 24th May, 1882. }

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER:

Allow me to express to you my sincere thanks for your kind invitation to join you at your Centennial Celebration on the 24th June next, and to express my regrets in not being able to attend on that occasion, having Masonic duties at home that will require all my time and attention.

Hoping your celebration will meet with that success you would desire, I remain,

Yours very truly and fraternally,

EDWIN J. WETMORE,

Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

OFFICE GRAND SECRETARY, F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK, }
 SAINT JOHN, 25th April, 1882. }

R. W. SIR AND BRO.:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reception of six cards addressed respectively to the six principal officers of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, extending to them a fraternal invitation to be present, and participate in the ceremonies attending the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to take place at Philadelphia on the 24th June next. The invitations have been handed to the Brethren to whom they are addressed, who no doubt will address you in reply to the invitation. With cordial regards

I am, Yours truly and fraternally,

W. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, Grand Secretary of Freemasons, Philadelphia.

NOVA SCOTIA, June 20, 1882.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER:

I much regret that having only to-day received the courteous invitation of the R. W. the Grand Master to attend the

Sesqui-Centennial anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the 24th inst. I am unable to avail myself of the kindness, and the more regret my inability to accept the invitation on account of the limited notice received, which precludes my leaving, as it would have given me very great pleasure to have been the medium of conveying to your R. W. Grand Lodge the congratulations of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia on the auspicious occasion, and to renew the kindly feelings and sentiments that have ever prevailed between the two Grand Lodges.

Fraternally yours,

J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

Colonel H. M's Army, Grand Master A. F. and A. M.

Nova Scotia.

AYLESFORD, June 5, 1882.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER:

I regret exceedingly my inability to accept your kind invitation to be present at the celebration of the Centennial anniversary on St. John the Baptist Day, June the 24th, A. L. 5882.

Fraternally yours,

T. R. HARRIS,

S. G. Warden G. L. of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, June 12, 1882.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:

The very kind and fraternal invitation of R. W. Grand Master Samuel B. Dick, under date of March last, to be present at the Sesqui-Centennial anniversary ceremonies on St. John Baptist's Day, proposed to take place at Philadelphia, came to hand in due course. Anticipating a change in the first officer of our Grand Lodge at our Annual Communication on 7th June inst., I have delayed replying on that account.

M. W. Brother J. W. Laurie was elected Grand Master for the present year. I respectfully solicit an invitation to

him direct instead of handing this to him. If you send one, please address to the care of Grand Secretary Curren at this place. Of course you will learn by what I have written that I will not accept the invitation to be at your celebration. From my experience of your kindness at my visit in 1873, when you dedicated your Masonic Temple, I am well convinced that I am losing a most agreeable and instructive occasion, such as may not be afforded to me at any future period.

Please to convey my sincere thanks to R. W. Grand Master Dick for his invitation, and my great regrets that I have to decline the same.

Very fraternally yours,

WM. TAYLOR,

Immediate Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

MICHAEL NISBET, Esq., R. W. Grand Sec'y, Pennsylvania.

GRAND LODGE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, A. F. & A. M. }
 GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
 CHARLOTTETOWN, April 21, 1882. }

MICHAEL NISBET, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir and Bro.:

I am in receipt of a communication from M. W. Brother Samuel B. Dick, Grand Master, inclosing an invitation to be present at the 150th anniversary of the formation of your Grand Lodge to be held in Philadelphia on the 24th June.

I am sorry to inform you, and through you, the M. W. Grand Master that it will be impossible for me to avail myself of the kind invitation, as our Annual Communication happens on that day.

I hope you will have a pleasant and profitable time.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

G. W. WAKEFORD, G. Sec'y.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A. F. AND A. M., }
 GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
 MONTREAL, 13 June, 1882. }

MICHAEL NISBET, Esq., Grand Sec'y Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, A. F. and A. M.

My Dear R. W. Bro. :

M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, Grand Master, and I, had fully intended to accept the invitation, so courteously extended, to attend the celebration of the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, on 24th June inst., but find that our Masonic duties "at home" on that day will prevent the possibility of our doing so. We are, therefore, most reluctantly compelled to forego the pleasure of participating in the ceremonies at Philadelphia.

Our R. W. Dep. Gr. Master, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens and Grand Treasurer find themselves unable to be present. They desire to join with the G. M. and myself, in offering hearty thanks for the kind and fraternal invitation given. We all hope and doubt not but that the event will be in every point of view a most successful, interesting and instructive one. With assurance of esteem believe me,

Yrs. fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON, Grand Secretary.

33 PRINCES GARDENS, S. W., June 7, 1882.

DEAR MR. MURRAY LYON:

Will you kindly answer the invitation you sent me from the Grand Master Mason of Pennsylvania for the 24th. Of course it is impossible for me to be present.

Yours fraternally,

MAR.

GRAND LODGE A. F. AND A. M. OF SCOTLAND,
 GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
 FREEMASONS' HALL, EDINBURGH, June 8, 1882. }

MICHAEL NISBET, Esq., Grand Secretary, Philadelphia.

My Dear Sir and Brother :

I am directed by the Grand Master Mason, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, to say that he cannot be present on the occasion of the approaching celebration on the 24th instant. Ever faithfully,

D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A. F. AND A. M. OF SCOTLAND,
 GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
 FREEMASONS' HALL, EDINBURGH, June 7, 1882. }

R. W. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :

I regret exceedingly my inability to be present at the celebration of the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. I have to thank your Most Worshipful Grand Master for the honor of invitation, and beg to offer him and the worthy Brethren over whom he presides my hearty congratulations.

To join in the celebration would to me be a source of much gratification, and would afford me the opportunity of fraternizing with distinguished Masons who have long been known to me by reputation, and with many of whom I have had the honor and pleasure of corresponding over a period of twenty years.

The time was when Philadelphia contributed to swell the roll of Scotch-holding Craftsmen.

The erection of the Lodge St. John's, Philadelphia, is thus referred to in the second volume of the Records of the Grand Lodge of Scotland :

"Committee—Exchange Coffee House, 5th April, 1774.
 Present—Alex. McDougall, Grand Secretary ; David Boet,

Grand. Clerk ; Lodges, Edinburgh St. David's, Edinburgh St. Andrew's. * * * Upon reading a letter from Mr. Alex. Bertram, of Philadelphia, addressed to Mr. Hugh Jamieson, merchant, in Paisley, and delivered in by Charles Ross, Esquire, of Greenlow, by Paisley, craving a charter of constitution and erection for a Lodge to be held in the said town of Philadelphia, under the title of St. John's. Ordered accordingly."

This minute was confirmed by Grand Lodge on 16th May, 1774. With fraternal feelings,

Yours ever faithfully,

D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

MICHAEL NISBET, Esq., Grand Secretary, Philadelphia.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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EXTRA COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, June 24, A. D. 1882, A. L. 5882.

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PRESENT:

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| BRO. SAMUEL B. DICK, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, | - | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> |
| " JOSEPH EICHBAUM, | - | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i> |
| " THOMAS R. PATTON, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " CHARLES H. KINGSTON, | | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " JAMES S. BARBER, | - | <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| " OSCAR R. MEYERS, | - | <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| " CORTLANDT WHITE- HEAD, D.D. | - | } <i>Grand Chaplains.</i> |
| " WILLIAM B. WOOD, D.D. | | |
| " JOHN S. J. McCONNELL, | | |
| " HENRY S. GETZ, | - | |
| " EDGAR M. LEVY, D.D. | | |
| " JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D. | | } <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| " JOHN G. BOBB, | - | |
| " EDWARD H. SHEARER, | | |
| " CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, | | |
| " ASA B. STEVENS, | | |
| " HENRY W. WILLIAMS, | | |

Bro. FRED. H. KELLER,

" JOHN P. CLARK, -

" ALEX. M. LLOYD, -

" ELIAS W. HALE, -

" M. H. HENDERSON,

" IRVIN W. MCFARLAND,

" WM. B. MEREDITH,

" GETER C. SHIDLE, -

" JAMES W. McDOWELL,

" GEORGE A. JENKS, -

" THOMAS S. MCNAIR,

" ELBERT P. JONES, -

" THADDEUS S. ADLE,

" SAMUEL L. FRENCH, -

" JAMES BARTON, JR.,

" SAM'L W. BROADBENT,

" SPENCER C. GILBERT,

" GEORGE W. WOOD, -

" LOUIS M. CHASTEAU,

" HENRY H. HAYNES, -

" HARRISON G. CLARK,

" JOHN THOMSON, -

" RICHARD VAUX, -

" ROBERT A. LAMBERTON,

" SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

" MICHAEL NISBET, -

D. D. Grand Masters.

Grand Stewards.

Grand Marshal.

Grand Sword Bearer.

Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Tyler.

R. W. Past Grand Masters.

" RICHARD VAUX, -

*Grand Representative of the
Grand Lodges of New York,
Illinois, Alabama, Texas,
Minnesota, Washington Ter-
ritory, and Colon and Cuba.*

" ROBT. A. LAMBERTON,

*Grand Representative of the
Grand Lodge of New Jersey.*

" SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

*Grand Representative of the
Grand Lodges of Canada
and Louisiana.*

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| BRO. MICHAEL NISBET, | - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Caro- lina.</i> |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, | - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i> |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i> |
| " JOHN CURTIS, | - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i> |
| " E. HARPER JEFFRIES, | - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.</i> |
| " JAMES W. ROBINS, | - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.</i> |
| " AUGUSTUS R. HALL, | - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i> |

Eighty-five Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 9 o'clock
15 minutes, A. M.

The Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of
the following visitors :

Brother E. M. H. EHLERS, Right Worshipful
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of New York.

Brother ALBERT G. GOODALL, Grand Lodge of
New York.

Brother ZACHARIAH DEDERICK, Grand Lodge
of New York.

Brother JOHN S. TYSON, Most Worshipful Grand
Master, Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Brother WOODWARD ABRAHAM, Right Worship-
ful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Brother JACOB H. MEDAIRY, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Brother THOMAS VINCENT, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Brother JAMES M. DAVIS, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Brother CHARLES E. MEYER, President of the Masonic Veteran Association of Pennsylvania, presented to the Grand Lodge a Gavel made of the wood of the first Masonic Temple built in Philadelphia in 1802, which was received by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, with appropriate remarks.

[The gavel is made from one of the columns that stood in the old Masonic Hall, on Filbert street, which has been recently torn down. The column was of hard wood, and from it were made two gavels, one to be used by the Veterans at their meetings, and the other presented to the Grand Lodge. The latter is very handsomely mounted with bands of silver, and on the outer rim is affixed a Veteran's badge. Upon the silver band is the following inscription: "The Masonic Veterans of Pennsylvania, on the occasion of the Sesqui-Centennial of the first Grand Lodge in America, formed at Philadelphia, June 24th, 1732, present this Gavel, made of wood of the Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, erected in 1802, on Filbert street, above Eighth street, Philadelphia, to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons, June 24, 1882."]

The following address of welcome was delivered by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK :

BRETHREN OF GRAND LODGE :

You have been called to meet on this St. John's Day in Special Communication, fitly to commemorate the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which, one hundred and fifty years ago, the 24th day of June, 1732, was constituted in this city by competent authority, and took her place among the Grand Lodges of the world.

Brethren, our guests, members of sister Grand Lodges of the Craft, who have joined with us in the ceremonies of this occasion, we offer you that welcome which emphatically marks the fraternal spirit of Freemasonry.

This is a singularly interesting anniversary. A century and a half of Masonic history, of Masonic labor and Masonic life, demands of us all our earnest admiration. The forerunner of organized Masonic Institutions in this land, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with modesty, but a deep feeling of gratification, celebrates the day of its organization. It points to its history as the highest evidence of the justice of its claim to the love and obedience of its members, and to the respect of the Craft round the globe.

The proceedings which have been prepared for the

ceremonial of this anniversary are believed to be appropriate.

Brother the Honorable PEARSON CHURCH delivered the following address on

“GROWTH OF GRAND LODGE :”

It has ever been the custom of mankind to preserve a record of any notable event in their political, their religious, or their social life.

Such an usage having the sanction of Divine command, is the means whereby true patriotism is fostered, religious zeal encouraged, and brotherly love nourished.

In conformity with this ancient and sacred custom, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania keeps this service. This Day is unto us a memorial.

On St. John's Day, 24th June, in the year of Light 5732, there was held for the first time in the Province of Pennsylvania, and in this City of Philadelphia, a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons; and at the same time Grand Officers for its government were duly chosen.

There had been, indeed, prior to that time, Masons sojourning here who used to meet together as a Lodge under the auspices of a Grand Lodge of England.

Yet this day, one hundred and fifty years ago, is

to us, as Pennsylvania Masons, “the Beginning of Days.” (It is a coincidence to be noticed in passing, that it was then, as it is now, the Saturday of the week.)

It does not fall within the scope of my remarks to unravel the network of intricacies which surrounds the Masonic jurisdiction of England during the last century, nor to rehearse the story of the consequent uncertainties of authority which exist in the chronicles of this earliest Grand Lodge. It is sufficient to remark that at one time there were two or more Grand Lodges in England, and two Grand Lodges at the same time claiming jurisdiction in Pennsylvania. The older Body did not long survive the political Revolution of the Colonies.

Our present Grand Lodge derives its real origin from “The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, ‘according to the Old Constitutions,’ granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, in the year of our Lord 926.”

The Grand Warrant of our authority was issued on the 20th June, 1764.

The Grand Lodge thus organized remained as a provincial Grand Lodge under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, known as the “Ancients,” until, on the 25th of September, 1786, it was unanimously resolved by the members that it was improper

that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should remain any longer under the authority of any foreign Grand Lodge; and thus the old Provincial Grand Lodge became an institution of the past.

Immediately thereupon a Grand Convention was formed to take proper steps for the establishment of a truly independent Grand Lodge; and there was then adopted, with like unanimity, an ordinance that the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge form themselves into a Grand Lodge, to be called "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

This official title, somewhat quaint, and still unchanged, differing, as I believe it does, from that of any of our sister Grand Lodges, sufficiently indicates that this Grand Lodge claimed and exercised Masonic jurisdiction outside the Province and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This jurisdiction was thus exercised by the Provincial Grand Lodge in warranting subordinate Lodges in many adjoining and distant Colonies, in the island of Hayti, in regiments of the Continental Army, and even of the British Army.

This Grand Lodge, after it attained its independence, granted warrants to subordinate Lodges in many distant States, in the West India islands, in Mexico, in different countries in South America, and in the United States Army. Many of these Lodges became extinct, and many became subsequently attached to other Masonic jurisdictions.

The act of Independence of our Grand Lodge was gracefully acknowledged and fraternally recognized by the Mother Grand Lodge of England. In their congratulatory letter of brotherly love and of God-speed, occurs a passage so happily freighted with "thoughts that breathe and words that burn," that I may be pardoned for quoting it: "Having perused," they say, "your book of Constitutions, we reflect with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of England has given birth to a Grand Lodge in the Western World, whose strict adherence to the ancient and immutable landmarks of our Order, reflects honor on its original founders. * * We conceive that in constituting your Grand Lodge, we necessarily communicated to it the same independent Masonic authority within your jurisdiction, which we ourselves possessed within ours; amenable to no superior jurisdiction under Heaven, and subject only to the immutable Landmarks of the Order. All Grand Lodges in Masonry being necessarily free, independent, and equipollent within their respective jurisdictions, which consequently excludes the idea of subjection to any foreign authority, or the establishment of an *imperium in imperio*."

Of this counsel, coming from our Alma Mater, this Grand Lodge has ever been mindful. As the instructive words of a prudent father sink deep into the heart and understanding of an obedient and respectful child, so did this Grand Lodge, in its youth, cher-

ish this message of wisdom from our ancient and honorable ancestor.

The ancient and unchangeable landmarks, usages and customs of our Order, and the no less trenchant doctrines of independent jurisdictional sovereign Masonic authority, have been the Jachin and Boaz of our Masonic edifice, reared and supported as it has been in Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. They have been to this Grand Lodge the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. They have kept us in the straight pathway which leads to true Masonic light and knowledge.

It would be a most interesting study to mark the many memorable epochs, and to acquaint ourselves with the many notable events in the long history of the Grand Lodge, and thus to follow its growth from infancy to maturity, but my limited time forbids me to do more than glance at one or two prominent episodes.

The Grand Lodge had its period of gloom, and for a time felt the bitter blast, and breathed the noxious vapor of madness, fanaticism and folly; but, as a laden atmosphere is purified by a violent thunderstorm, so, after its era of persecution, did our Grand Lodge, upheld and defended by its noble band of officers and members, who would not bend to the behests of illegally exercised authority, henceforth shine with renewed lustre and revived splendor. "The eyes of

the Lord were open upon this House day and night, upon the place whereof He had said He would put His name there." The Ark of the Covenant had gained its resting place, and there was thereafter to be found no Uzzah to lay his unhallowed hands upon its sacred form.

There is one event in the history of the Grand Lodge which, to us as Pennsylvania Masons of the present generation, appears strange.

In the year 1780 the Grand Lodge took into consideration the propriety and necessity of appointing a Grand Master over all the Grand Lodges formed or to be formed in these United States, and after it was so resolved, that Brother who was "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," was by this Grand Lodge unanimously elected Grand Master of Masons throughout the United States.

The concurrence in this movement by the several Grand Lodges of the United States was most strenuously urged by our Grand Lodge, and very persuasive arguments were used for the purpose of bringing about united action. In after years different and better counsels prevailed, for we find that, in answer to similar propositions from other Grand Lodges, this Grand Lodge declared it to be inexpedient and impracticable to establish a Supreme Superintending Grand Lodge in the United States. It was, how-

ever, the sense of our Grand Lodge that a more intimate union should be formed, and a permanent intercourse established between the several Grand Lodges.

All of these projects were finally abandoned, and never, so far as I am aware, was the subject again brought forward.

Our present system of Grand Representatives between the several Grand Bodies in the United States and elsewhere, is probably the result of the impression made by these early propositions.

As is well known to the Masonic student, Ancient Masonry consisted of four degrees, and every lawfully warranted Lodge possessed and, if its ability and numbers justified, exercised the power of conferring the Royal Arch Degree. There were then no intermediate degrees, and the Royal Arch was exclusively under the control of the Grand Lodge.

In the year 1795, the Grand Lodge authorized the formation of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter under its own immediate government. The officers of the Grand Lodge were *ex officio* the officers of the Grand Chapter, and all working Chapters were held under the authority of a regular subsisting warrant granted by the Grand Lodge.

Thus matters remained for many years until Capitular Masonry in this State was conformed to the system as it existed in other jurisdictions.

I have not the time to enter into the details of the

growth of the Grand Lodge, nor the opportunity to illustrate the paths trodden by our progenitors, and pointed out by them for our guidance, and whereby this Grand Lodge has attained its present high commanding position.

“There were giants in those days,” and when they began the edifice of Freemasonry in this Commonwealth, they laid deep its foundations among the substrata of the Ancient Landmarks and Masonic Tradition, and then united the superstructure with the cement of Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance and Justice, and upheld it by the columns of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; thus enabling it to withstand the tempests of modern innovations and puerile novelties, which ever threaten to undermine the solid principles of this Ancient and Honorable Institution.

The Pennsylvania Mason of to-day meeting his Brethren of the Grand Lodge in this building, cannot realize the wonderful advance made by the Fraternity in this jurisdiction during the past century and a half.

Between the Tun Tavern, of Water street, where, in a modest hired upper room, the first Grand Lodge was held in this city and Province, and the present edifice—the most magnificent dedicated to the uses of Freemasonry, ever erected—there is a wide distinction; but it is a contrast far more eloquent than that afforded by the mere lapse of time, or the increased prosperity of the Craft.

The contemplation of the several steps by which this architectural summit has been reached, shows that the seed sown by our Masonic forefathers fell on good ground, and yielded "sixty and one hundred-fold;" that the germs of Faith, of Hope and of Charity, planted by them, brought forth their fruit in due season.

A comparative view of the one Lodge, with its handful of Brothers, and confined to one spot in the Colony, and the three hundred and eighty thriving Lodges, with their thirty-five thousand Masons scattered through this great Commonwealth, from the River Delaware to Lake Erie, exhibits something vastly more significant than a mere contrasting of unrhetorical figures. It presents a scene more charming to the senses than that depicted by a confused mass of commonplace statistics.

It represents a compact body of free-born men under the tongue of good report, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

At this memorial service, designing to perpetuate the memory of our growth and prosperity in a spirit of justifiable self-congratulation, may we not point to our humble beginning, our past illustrious history, and our present exalted position, and, recognizing in all this the munificence of the Giver of every good and perfect gift, reverentially exclaim, as it was said .

of the patriarch of old, "What hath God wrought?" "How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!"

And, standing, as we are, on the threshold of another epoch, may we not resolve to forget not the past, to wisely improve the present, and "go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart?"

Wherefore, then, as a Grand Lodge, do we look back with complacency upon our historic past, congratulate ourselves upon our successful present, and confidently indulge the hope of a glorious future.

The answer is to be derived from the fact that our Order is founded upon the eternal and immutable truths of Equality and Fraternity; that the great unwritten language and laws and traditions and teachings of Freemasonry have been kept by this Grand Lodge as pure and as sacred as the fires tended by the vestal virgins; that while principalities and powers and earthly dynasties are subject to dissensions, disintegration and decay, the white-winged Dove of Peace hovers over our battlements, and our walls are resonant with the sweet songs of Harmony, and the joyful chants of Unity, which, "like as the dew of Hermon fall upon the hill of Sion."

The answer is to be further found in the fact that this Grand Lodge is panoplied in the armor of the Ancient Landmarks, and with these, there is "no va-

riableness, neither shadow of turning;" that it has ever maintained, as with a Divine faith, the absolute sovereignty and supremacy of itself in all matters within its own territorial jurisdiction; and that in determining questions of Masonic law there is nothing higher nor more authoritative than its decrees, save only the Ancient Landmarks, Usages and Customs of the Order.

The answer is to be still further found in its unshaken conviction that the spirit of novelty, of unrest, of progress falsely so called, has no foundation in the true Masonic character; in the firm belief that in Masonry whatever is ancient is true, and whatever is modern is false, and that the introduction of innovations into the body of Masonry is as full of peril to the stability of the Order as the introduction of the Trojan horse was to the city of Priam.

Finally, it is to be found in the long-established system by which the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge are chosen, and the prevailing spirit which binds them together.

By an unwritten law of the Grand Lodge a Brother who aspires to govern as Grand Master, must first serve his terms of apprenticeship in the minor elective Grand Offices. He attains his high position through earned promotion, and not by intrigue and indulgence. The other elective Grand Officers serving as advisers to the Grand Master in the government of the Craft,

and partaking in his responsibility, as they ascend into the place of dignity and power, are in like manner served "by those who in their turn shall follow them." As a Past Grand Master, his influence is still felt as a member of one or more of the leading standing committees, which tend so strongly to shape the policy of the Grand Lodge. Thus we have at all times around the Grand East a body of diligent, faithful and experienced Brethren, who guard well the portals of Freemasonry, and suffer the Grand Lodge to come under no evil imputation.

These are some of the characteristics of this Grand Lodge. Upon us have devolved the duty and responsibility of preserving its laws. Let its word be "as a lantern unto our feet, and a light unto our paths."

In a few more decades this Grand Lodge will be celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of its foundation. It is scarcely possible that any now within the sound of my voice will be here to assist in that ceremony. Those who will then be participants will have received their Masonic light from us. Let it arise and shine for the never-fading glory of pure and ancient Masonry, which may always find its sure resting place within the precincts of this, the parent Grand Lodge of America.

O venerable Mother of us all, "rich with the spoils of time,"

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee !

“The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee!

“The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”

Brother the Honorable THOMAS J. CLAYTON delivered the following address on

“THE GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.”

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:

While enjoying the present, it may not be unprofitable to take a glance at the past.

The commemoration of this one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the first Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania would be incomplete without some notice of our Grand Masters, as well those who laid the foundation as those who have so successfully built upon it.

Our time is limited. We must condense a century and a half into a few minutes. We have been able to learn the names and something of the lives of fifty-three of our Grand Masters. We must not attempt individual biography. To give one minute to each would consume an hour. We can only look at them in a group, as the fifty-three successive steps in the stairway from the comparative obscurity of the past to the light of the present.

In thus viewing them, it will be found that of the

entire line, all have been men of undoubted integrity ; most of them of sterling worth, notable alike as citizens and Masons. This will more clearly appear by noticing the public positions they have occupied. Without mentioning several important offices held by appointment from the Municipal, State and Federal Governments, one of our Grand Masters was High Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, three were celebrated physicians, fifteen were eminent lawyers, two were faithful and honored clergymen, two were Records and three were Mayors of the City of Philadelphia ; one was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1873 ; four were Judges of the Courts of Record, three were Chief Justices of Pennsylvania, four were members of Congress, one was Governor of Pennsylvania, one was United States Senator, two represented the Federal Government at foreign Courts, one was Vice-President of the United States, and one was the greatest philosopher and scientist of the age. We do not assert that but one filled each of these positions—Brother Dallas was Mayor, United States Senator, Minister to Russia, and Vice-President of the United States. Can we be too proud of our Grand Masters ?

This roll of honorable names unfolds another thought. Without the social merit we have always claimed for our Craft, so many noble minds could not have been held together in one Brotherhood.

The early history of the Society in Pennsylvania is obscure. We have no minutes, and but few Masonic records previous to 1779. They were lost during the troubles of the Revolution. From scraps of Masonic writings, letters of old Masons and contemporaneous publications, however, we can supply many lost links. When Masonry was introduced here, there were four rival Grand Lodges in England. Two of them had appointed Grand Masters in America. The first deputation came from the "Grand Lodge of England." The title of its rival was "The Grand Lodge of England, according to the Old Institutions." To distinguish them, the members of the former were called "Moderns;" the latter were called "Ancients" or "York Masons." They united in 1813.

Masonry was introduced into Pennsylvania by the "Moderns," under a deputation from the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, to Daniel Coxe, of Trenton, New Jersey. His Jurisdiction extended over Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. He was one of the first citizens of the country, an author, jurist and statesman. At the close of his term, the Brethren of Pennsylvania assembled, and, on St. John's Day, 1732, they elected William Allen their Grand Master. There must have been at least five Blue Lodges at that time in Pennsylvania; for, by Masonic usage, a less number could not form a Grand Lodge.

Brother Allen was a man of political prominence, and of great wealth. He was a staunch royalist and a great aristocrat. His coach-and-four with liveried footman was wont to roll up Market street, and out the Gray's Ferry road (then a fashionable drive), in great splendor. He was Mayor of the City in 1735, and Recorder from 1741 to 1750, at which time he was appointed Chief Justice of the Province. He died in England in 1780, a royalist to the last.

Brother Allen was succeeded by Humphrey Murray, who was installed with great pomp. A banquet and Table Lodge followed the installation, at which Brother Murray was assisted by the Governor, Honorable Patrick Gordon; the Proprietor of the Province, Honorable Richard Penn, and the Mayor of the City, Samuel Hazel, Esq.

Our third Grand Master was Benjamin Franklin. He served for the year 1735. To name him is enough.

“ His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him, that nature might stand up
And say to all the world, *This was a man!* ”

Brother Franklin was succeeded by James Hamilton, who was afterwards the first native Governor of Pennsylvania. He was also a loyalist and a noble and generous man. He died about the close of the Revolutionary struggle, in 1783.

In 1737, Thomas Hopkinson, the father of Francis Hopkinson, was elected. He was Judge of the Court

of Admiralty, at Philadelphia. His grandson was the author of "*Hail, Columbia.*"

Our sixth Grand Master was William Plumstead. He was a great reformer (even in those days they had reformers). He was an honest man, was Mayor of the City in 1750, and though very rich, was very democratic in his habits. As a rebuke to the pomp and extravagance at the funerals of the wealthy, he directed by his will that no display should be made at his burial. He was accordingly interred in the plainest style.

Up to this time the Fraternity had been prosperous. While Brother Plumstead was Grand Master, however, it received its first serious shock. A mercenary wag had published a so-called exposition of Masonic mysteries, which had excited the curiosity of some idle young men, who, for their own amusement, pretended to be Masons, and opened a mock lodge in a gloomy cellar. While feigning to initiate a young man of the city, they threw a bowl of burning alcohol upon him, so horribly burning him that he died a few days after in great agony. It was firmly believed by thousands that the youth was a victim of the terrible mysteries of the Masons. The excitement ran so high that it became necessary to officially repudiate the transaction. The unjust wound, however, was sufficient to prostrate the Fraternity for nearly twelve years. From the date of this outrage till 1749 our his-

tory is nearly a blank. We only know that Joseph Shippen was Grand Master in 1738, and that Philip Syng was in the Chair in 1741. We have no further information of the Grand Lodge under the Daniel Coxe deputation.

On the 10th of July, 1749, there appears to have been a Masonic revival. On that day, Thomas Oxnard, Provincial Grand Master of all North America, appointed Brother Benjamin Franklin to be again Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

At the first session of this Grand Lodge, it appears that Brothers Plumstead, Syng and Shippen, of the defunct Grand Lodge, were present, which sufficiently proves that the old Grand Lodge, by common consent, was merged into the new.

In 1750, Brother William Allen was again appointed Grand Master, and again in 1755, from which time but little is known of this Grand Lodge. In 1785 they sold their Lodge, and gave a part of the proceeds to the city for the use of the poor.

The York Masons, or "Ancients," were in a flourishing condition at this time, and afterwards absorbed all that was left of the "Moderns." No trace of them can now be found in Pennsylvania. Their decline and final extinction was attributed to their adherence to the royal cause, while the York Masons were said to be friendly to the Revolutionary movement.

We have no information of our present Grand Lodge prior to about 1761. In that year William Ball obtained a charter from the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, then held in London, for a Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania. From that time to the present, except when the British were in possession of the city, it has held its regular Grand Communications. From 1779 the minutes are complete. They show that Brother William Ball was Grand Master from 1779 to 1782, and again in 1795. He died May 30, 1810, full of years and honor. He had been an active Mason sixty-nine years. He was succeeded by William Adcock, who held the office from 1783 to 1788. He died March 1, 1817. Jonathan Bayard Smith served from 1789 to 1794, and from 1796 to 1797. Israel Israel, High Sheriff, served from 1803 to 1805. He died March, 1822. "An Israelite, indeed, in whom there was no guile."

James Milnor held the office from 1806 to 1813. He was an Episcopal clergyman of great influence; he died in 1845. Richard Tybout was Grand Master in 1814. He died in July, 1821.

Samuel T. Bradford, an eminent lawyer, succeeded him in 1815. He died April, 1837. Walter Kerr held the office from 1816 to 1817, and Bayse Newcomb from 1818 to 1821. He was in office when the Temple on Chestnut street was burned, March 9, 1819. He justly earned the sobriquet of "Honest

Bayse Newcomb." He was a fine real estate lawyer. He died in March, 1856, universally respected. Josiah Randall, also a celebrated member of the Philadelphia bar, was Grand Master in 1822 and 1823. He died September 10, 1866. He was succeeded by J. B. Gibson, afterwards Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He held the office one year (1824). He died May 3, 1853.

James Harper succeeded him in 1825. He was afterwards a member of Congress. He died March 31, 1873. Thomas Kittera held the office in 1826, 1827 and 1828. About the end of his term the spirit of Anti-Masonry invaded this State. In 1831 it was bitter and implacable. The Anti-Masonic excitement raged with unabated fury until 1838, but the high character of the Grand Lodge and its Masters did not diminish.

The following Grand Masters served during those trying times :

Samuel Badger, 1829 and 1830; Michael Nisbet, 1831 and 1832; John Steele, 1833 and 1834; George M. Dallas, 1835; Tristram B. Freeman, 1836, and John M. Read, 1837 and 1838. Brother Read was afterwards Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He died November 29, 1874. Brother Badger had been one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas. He died March 14, 1866. He was an active Mason sixty-seven years.

Thus we see that Masonry, like civilization, has had its dark ages, and, like it, has survived its wounds. Of the succeeding Grand Masters, I could say so much that I must say nothing more than name them. Their lives have been spent among us. Their labors speak for them. From 1838 to the present the following Brothers have served in the high office with dignity and ability :

Samuel H. Perkins, 1839 and 1840 ; Joseph R. Chandler, 1841 and 1842 ; Cornelius Stevenson, 1843 ; William Barger, 1844 and 1845 ; James Page, 1846 and 1847 ; Peter Fritz, 1848 and 1849 ; William Whitney, 1850 and 1851 ; A. Bournonville, 1852 and 1853 ; James Hutchinson, 1854 and 1855 ; Peter Williamson, 1856 and 1857 ; John K. Mitchell, 1858 ; Henry M. Phillips, 1859 and 1860 ; John Thomson, 1861 and 1862 ; David C. Skerrett, 1863 and 1864 ; Lucius H. Scott, 1865 and 1866 ; John L. Goddard, 1867 ; Richard Vaux, 1868 and 1869 ; Robert H. Lamberton, 1870 and 1871 ; Samuel C. Perkins, 1872 and 1873 ; Alfred R. Potter, 1874 and 1875 ; Robert Clark, 1876 and 1877 ; J. Madison Porter, 1878 ; Michael Nisbet, 1879 and 1880, and Samuel B. Dick, our present Right Worshipful Grand Master, from 1880 to the present.

Brother J. K. Mitchell died in office. His funeral was attended by ten Past Grand Masters. Brother John L. Goddard also died in office. His successor,

Brother Vaux, like our first Grand Master Allen, was both Recorder and Mayor of the City of Philadelphia. Brothers Chandler, Phillips and Dick have represented our State in Congress. Brother Lambertson was a member of the last State Constitutional Convention. Brother Page was Collector of the Port and Postmaster at Philadelphia, and Brother Samuel C. Perkins, President and an active member of the Philadelphia Public Buildings Commission, had the honor of dedicating the Temple where we are now assembled. It is a standing monument of the zeal, energy and ability of our Past Grand Masters.

To all within its walls we may say of our Grand Masters—

“Si monumentum quæris,
Circumspice !”

Brother SAMUEL HARPER delivered the following address on

**“THE RELATION OF OUR SUBORDINATE LODGES
TO OUR GRAND LODGE:”**

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER :

I appreciate the honor conferred upon me by being selected to address the Grand Lodge on this interesting occasion, and inasmuch as I have doubts as to my ability to do justice to the subject assigned to me, I pray your fraternal indulgence for any shortcomings I may display. As my subject requires much more time

for its ample development than can be allowed on this occasion, I shall proceed with my task without further prelude.

The terms Grand and Subordinate, while being properly used by the Craft, are not generally and rightly comprehended. It is a mistake to believe that they involve the commonly received idea of superiority and inferiority, that the Grand Lodge has power to create and to destroy Subordinate Lodges, and that the Subordinate Lodge exercises such rights and powers only as it receives from the Grand Lodge as its creator. It is not in such sense that we speak of the Lodge and Grand Lodge, for there is a system of law above and beyond both to which both are subject, and from which each inherits the rights and powers, and which prescribes the limitation under which both exist—the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of the Fraternity, existing from time immemorial, unchangeable and indestructible.

First in order of time was the Lodge, inheriting those rights and powers and that energy necessary to an active and continuing life. As an organized body, it was independent, perfect and complete, possessing under the landmarks power to make Masons, to select its members and officers, and to perform all the functions inherent in a perfect autonomy. It was, so to speak, self-existent, for it was in the power of the requisite number of Freemasons at any time and in any place to form it. It did not require the aid of any other authority to call

it into existence, nor did it possess any rights or powers that were not directly derived from the usages, customs and landmarks. And thus it existed before the idea of Grand Lodge was conceived, then and now standing as an unchangeable testimony of the fact that it was and is in no sense the creature of Grand Lodge. Precisely as Freemasons, moved by the necessities of the Craft, formed the Lodge, did Freemasons, as the representatives of the Lodge, moved by other like necessities form Grand Lodge. Each, however, is instinct with certain inherent powers necessary for the purpose for which it was called into existence, and each moves within its own orbit with precision and in harmony and order, all danger of collision being avoided by a wise and thoughtful distribution of power. The powers of both being inherent, none are constituted or delegated, and yet such is the intimate relation between them that the one cannot now exist without the other.

As already said, the Lodge is the unit of Masonic life and energy, possessing all the powers and faculties peculiar to the Craft, excepting only that of sovereignty. Although its dominion over its members was complete and exclusive, it did not possess that great and important faculty. Sovereignty, however, always existed; it is as old as the Fraternity itself; it belongs to all organizations, and without it no organization could long survive. Its exercise in our Fraternity was an imperative necessity, and in order that it might be located,

established and exercised Grand Lodge was formed. This was the essential and vital purpose of Grand Lodge, and hence sovereignty and Grand Lodge are synonymous terms—they mean the same thing and express the same thought. There can be no exercise of sovereignty without the Grand Lodge, and there can be no Grand Lodge that is not sovereign and supreme. Sovereignty must be complete, perfect and exclusive, for such are its essential qualities. An incomplete, imperfect or partial sovereignty is an absurdity.

Here, then, is the fundamental distinction between Lodge and Grand Lodge—the exact and unerring rule for determining the relations of the one to the other. I shall save time by confining myself to a brief statement of the inherent powers of the Grand Lodge, simply adding that those of the Lodge comprehend all of the other rights and powers belonging to the Craft.

The jurisdiction of Grand Lodge must thoroughly pervade the territory assigned to it—must embrace every Lodge within its limits. There can be no partnership in the exercise of this faculty. No Grand Lodge can suffer the existence within its territory of a Lodge which acknowledges the authority of another Grand Lodge. Such a thing would be fatal to its sovereignty, and would drive it out of fellowship with the family of Grand Lodges. On the other hand each Grand Lodge must respect and if need be protect and defend the sovereignty of all other Grand Lodges. No

one has the Masonic right or power to establish or exercise authority over a Lodge within the jurisdiction of another. To do so would promptly and properly cause the hand of the Craft everywhere to be raised against it. Whilst it is not only the right but the duty of every Grand Lodge to guard its own territory with jealous and ceaseless care, it should never, under any circumstances, be tempted to invade the jurisdiction of another. It is impossible that any contest can ever occur in the Fraternity to justify a system of reprisals.

Sovereignty is one of the most essential doctrines of the Craft, and without it it would be impossible to secure peaceful relations among so large a body of Freemasons as now exists throughout the world. It asserts and maintains the dignity and majesty of Grand Lodge. It protects the Lodge in the exercise of the inherent powers from trouble within, and from invasion from without, securing to it the territorial limits necessary for its preservation and perpetuation, and promulgating the unerring tests by which the true may be known from the false, the legitimate from the spurious. It ascertains the true relations which should exist between grand jurisdictions and enforces the principles upon which universal peace, good-will and fellowship can be maintained and cultivated throughout the Fraternity. In a word, it is the life-giving power of harmony and order throughout the Masonic world.

In the exercise of its sovereignty the Grand Lodge is

the conservator of the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of the Craft. Composed as it is of those who, by reason of their extensive and intelligent study of the principles and history of the Fraternity, have been selected by the Lodge as its representatives, it is enabled to preserve the traditions of the Craft and expound and illustrate the landmarks for the instruction of the Brethren. It diffuses Masonic light; it disseminates Masonic intelligence; a ceaseless stream of moral and philosophical instruction flows from its inexhaustible fountain, and thus throughout a wide jurisdiction there is secured perfect uniformity in ritual and instruction.

It is the sole legislative power of the Fraternity, although in this it is, as in all other things, subordinate itself to the landmarks. It alone makes and expounds the law, and in the exercise of this power, under the landmarks, it is a law unto itself that may be challenged by none. The rights of the Lodge are thus secured against trespass and wrong. Territorial limits are thus assigned, and thus each Lodge is protected against invasion and injury. If it were not so, long ere this the struggle of the strong against the weak would have brought great misery upon the Craft, and the Fraternity would be to-day, if it existed at all, a mass of discordant fragments.

It is also the supreme judicial tribunal of the Fraternity and decides all questions and controversies between the Lodge and the Brethren. There is no appeal

from its decrees—there is no higher tribunal. The exercise of this part of its functions secures and defends the rights and privileges of the Mason, and guarantees to him the fullest and most perfect justice. Discipline is thereby equally enforced in all parts of the jurisdiction, and the danger avoided of punishing as an offence in one locality what is not regarded as such in another.

This function of sovereignty, embracing such important powers, is the strong arm upon which the Craft reposes, and its exercise is alike indispensable to the Lodge and Mason. It is the guerdon of peace, harmony and prosperity. It secures the healthy and vigorous growth and increase of the Craft without trenching upon the inherent powers of the Lodge. It consolidates and strengthens the Craft, for instead of having, as in this State, over 400 several competing and probably discordant Lodges, they are by their representatives brought together into one central body, where they themselves exercise the functions of that body. It is, therefore, the strong and indissoluble bond of union which binds the Craft together as “with hooks of steel.” It is no alien to the Craft, but the very essence of the Lodge, and the truer it is to itself and its purposes and functions, the more majestic and enduring must be the growth, harmony and prosperity of the Fraternity.

I have preferred to employ the time allowed me in defining as clearly as possible the principle of sovereignty, because the more it is comprehended the better will we

be able to understand the relations existing between the Lodge and Grand Lodge. I have endeavored to show that it is a faculty that was never possessed by the Lodge, and, consequently, that its exercise by Grand Lodge does not in any manner interfere with the essential powers of the Lodge. Such as the Lodge was as first, it is to-day—its inherent powers then are its inherent powers now. It is still the unit of Masonic life and force, and without it Grand Lodge itself would cease to be. Now, as then, under the sanction of the ancient usages, customs and landmarks, it performs the same work, exercises the same powers, is subject to the same duties, propagates the same principles, inculcates the same virtues, clings to the same faith, is inspired by the same hope, practices the same charity, adores the same Deity. In nothing essential is the Lodge in anywise changed.

Now, as in the beginning, the Lodge is the life-sustaining power of the Grand Lodge, as the rivulet is the source of the mighty river. The river by reason of its volume and its usefulness to the commercial necessities of the day, commands greater attention than the rivulet, but it would cease to be were the waters of the rivulet to dry up. In like manner is Grand Lodge majestic and strong only as it is reinforced and strengthened by the Lodge, and so in like manner would it cease to be were the Lodge to become desolated, and its altars overturned and demolished.

The cultivation of these fraternal relations during the century and a half of the life of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has resulted in the present almost wonderful prosperity of the Craft. The Fraternity pervades every portion of this great Commonwealth. The fires of Freemasonry are burning brightly on the altars of more than 400 Lodges. The hearts of Lodge and Grand Lodge are closely knit together. Peace, concord, love, prosperity everywhere abound. The Lodge renders willing and hearty recognition to the sovereignty of Grand Lodge, and Grand Lodge in turn secures and protects the Lodge in the exercise of all its rightful functions.

Not only are the Craft peaceful and prosperous at home, but they command the fraternal respect of the whole Masonic family, and even beyond their own sphere, in the world at large, they enjoy in a high degree the confidence of the people.

Why have such prosperity, respect and confidence been bestowed upon us? Simply because we have been true to ourselves and to the Fraternity by a constant devotion to the ancient usages, customs and landmarks, which we have always considered as a sacred charge to be preserved by us and by us to be transmitted to our successors undimmed and undefiled. All our legislation and jurisprudence, all our ritual and instruction have been made to conform to them, and against none of them have we ever intentionally offended. Resolutely have we at all times and under all circumstances reproofed inno-

vations from whatever quarter they came, steadily teaching that it is not within the power of any man or of any body of men to make changes in the landmarks of Freemasonry. We have never allowed ourselves to be beguiled by the ornamental novelties which we have from time to time observed in other quarters, designed as it is said to popularize the Craft. Popularity, as we understand Freemasonry, is an offence. We desire fellowship with those only who seek fellowship with us through a favorable opinion of the sublime principles of the Fraternity. Against all others the door of our Lodge is closed. Those who are insensible to our glorious truths and are dazzled by the tawdry show of popular novelties can never be acceptable Craftsmen.

The conservation of the landmarks has been the distinguishing glory of the Craft in Pennsylvania throughout their entire history. Both Lodge and Grand Lodge have united in the performance of that sacred duty; and whilst we can point with pride to the Lodge for its unwearied loyalty to the landmarks, we can turn with infinite satisfaction and delight to that long and honored line of Brethren, who for a century and a half have dignified and adorned the Oriental chair, and say with all the exultation of the Roman mother, "These are our jewels." Looking back to the past from the first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and through all the eventful years which have followed, and penetrating the veil of the future as far as it is now possible, our vision

gathers in a line of Grand Masters distinguished for their zeal and devotion to the Fraternity, learned and wise in all that pertains to the Craft, honored for the probity and virtue of their lives, and grounded in the affection of the Craft for the brilliant examples they have given of all the excellences that distinguish and adorn the true Freemason.

Finally, my Brethren, let us pray for the continued prosperity of our beloved Fraternity, always remembering that we must labor for the realization of our petitions, and recognizing the fact that God helps those who help themselves. Let us not forget that the glory of the Grand Lodge can only be maintained by preserving the strength and dignity of the Lodge, and by continued devotion to the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of the Fraternity.

Aforetime it was written, "Love the Brotherhood, Fear God." Reverently commending these injunctions, I add yet another—Honor the Grand Master.

The following Anthem was then sung, under the direction of Brother AARON R. TAYLOR, of Lodge No. 436:

AD PRIMAM.

1. Now that the sun is gleaming bright,
 Implore we, bending low,
 That He, the uncreated Light,
 May guide us as we go.

No sinful word, or deed of wrong,
 Nor thoughts that idly rove,
 But simple truth be on our tongue
 And in our hearts be love.

2. And while the hours in order flow,
 O ! Christ securely fence
 Our gates, beleaguered by the foe,
 The gate of every sense ;
 And grant that to Thine honor, Lord,
 Our daily toil may tend,
 That we begin it at Thy Word,
 And in Thy favor end.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother
 ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we heartily thank Brothers CHURCH, CLAYTON and HARPER for their remarkably able and appropriate addresses, and request them to furnish a copy to be published with the proceedings of the day.

Benediction by the Right Reverend Brother CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD, D.D.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock 30 minutes, A. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary.

After the Grand Lodge closed the Officers and Brethren were then formed by Grand Marshal Brother George W. Wood and his assistants, Brothers Arthur Thacher, J. Parker Martin and William W. Allen, for the purpose of joining in the procession of the Craft in the following order:

Band.

Grand Tyler and Grand Pursuivant,
 Grand Sword Bearer,
 Grand Master,
 Deputy Grand Master,
 Grand Wardens,
 Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary,
 Past Grand Officers,
 Grand Officers of New York, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, Ohio, District of Columbia.
 Grand Chaplains, and Deputy Grand Secretary.
 Grand Deacons,
 Grand Stewards,
 District Deputy Grand Masters,
 Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund,
 Trustees Girard Bequest,
 Committee on Finance,
 Committee on Appeals,
 Committee on Landmarks,
 Committee on Printing and Publishing,
 Committee on Temple,
 Commissioners of Sinking Fund,
 Committee on Library,
 Almoners Grand Lodge Charity Fund,
 Stewards Stephen Girard Charity Fund,
 Members of the Grand Lodge.

The line of the procession was formed on Broad street, south of Chestnut street, it was divided into eight divisions in charge of Ex-Governor, Major-General Brother John F. Hartranft, Chief Marshal, with the following aids, mounted:

Brothers Colonel George H. North, Chief of Staff, Colonel Theodore E. Wiedersheim, Colonel Russell Thayer, Colonel S. Bonnaffon, Jr., Colonel Aaron K. Dunkel, Colonel B. Frank Eshleman, Colonel Silas W. Pettit, Capt. James M. Cox, and Wm. Baldwin, in Masonic dress and lambskin aprons. The aids to the Chief Marshal were distinguished by white rosettes, with pendant bordered and tasseled with gold.

Each Brother was in Masonic dress, with lambskin apron and white gloves, the appointed officers leading, with their jewels suspended from the left lapel of their coats; followed by the members. Next the Past Masters, wearing their jewels, the elective officers, and the Worshipful Master last, each wearing the jewel of his office. Each Lodge was in charge of a Marshal, who carried a wand designating its number.

The Lodges were formed in sections of six, and according to Masonic custom marched left in front, the junior Lodge heading the procession. There was no confusion or delay in forming the line which moved promptly at 9 o'clock, the time appointed, in the following order:

EIGHTH DIVISION.

Marshal, Bro. Colonel Robert P. Dechert.

Gothic Lodge, No. 519, with full Band; Marshal, Bro. Louis T. Linde; Worshipful Master, Bro. John S. Neisser.

Fernwood Lodge, No. 543, Delaware county; Marshal, Bro. John F. Glenn; W. M., Bro. Wm. W. Morgan.

St. Alban Lodge, No. 529, Marshal, Bro. Sam'l F. Cliff; W. M., Bro. Jas. P. Milner, M. D.

Philates Lodge, No. 527, with Athletic Band; Marshal, Bro. W. O'Neil; W. M., Bro. Wm. R. Peddle.

William C. Hamilton Lodge, No. 500; Marshal, Bro. Edgar Fries; W. M., Bro. Daniel E. Wilson.

SEVENTH DIVISION.

Marshal, Bro. Colonel J. P. S. Gobin.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 481, with Franklin Cornet Band; Marshal, Bro. George Roney; W. M., Bro. John Allen.

Crescent Lodge, No. 493 ; Marshal, Bro. Albert W. Taylor ; W. M., Bro. Robert H. Ball.

Athelstan Lodge, No. 482 ; Marshal, Bro. Philip H. Kramer ; W. M., Bro. Edwin R. Booth.

Covenant Lodge, No. 456, with Brennan Cornet Band ; Marshal, Bro. Jacob S. Painter ; W. M., Bro. Wm. J. Atwood.

Stephen Girard Lodge, No. 450 ; Marshal, Thos. L. Vander-slice ; W. M., Bro. J. Henry Holcomb.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 449, with Beverly Band ; Marshal, Bro. Wm. H. Wilson ; W. M., Bro. John L. Kirk.

Robert A. Lamberton Lodge, No. 487 ; Marshal, Bro. P. Henry McLaughlin ; W. M., Bro. J. Samuel Eveland.

Welcome Lodge, No. 453 ; Marshal, Bro. Franklin L. Shepard ; W. M., Bro. Augustus Pfaff.

SIXTH DIVISION.

Marshal, Bro. Colonel C. W. Batchelor.

Potter Lodge, No. 441, with J. Drach's Military Band ; Marshal, Bro. John McFetridge ; W. M., Bro. G. W. McCafferty.

Philo Lodge, No. 444 ; Marshal, Bro. A. H. Walters ; S. W., Bro. Henry J. Brooks, acting W. M.

Lodge No. 432, with Post No. 5 Band ; Marshal, Bro. James McCormick ; W. M., Bro. Henry C. McKnight.

William B. Schneider Lodge, No. 419, with Citizens' Cornet Band, of Pottstown ; Marshal, Bro. Wm. Warnick ; W. M., Bro. David H. Schuler.

Friendship Lodge, No. 400, Jenkintown, with Jenkintown Band ; Marshal, Bro. T. Brinton Gorman ; W. M., Bro. Lewis B. Gusman.

Perkins Lodge, No. 402 ; Marshal, Bro. George W. Devinney ; W. M., Bro. T. D. Ferguson.

Mozart Lodge, No. 436 ; Marshal, Bro. J. T. Hickman ; W. M., Bro. Samuel J. Dickey.

FIFTH DIVISION.

Marshal, Bro. William B. Smith.

Vaux Lodge, No. 393 ; Marshal, Bro. Wm. S. Bailey ; W. M., Bro. Wm. Coleman.

Apollo Lodge, No. 386, with Keystone Cornet Band ; Marshal, Bro. P. J. Hallowell ; W. M., Bro. C. F. Van Horn.

Richard Vaux Lodge, No. 384 ; Marshal, Bro. Wm. T. Abrams ; W. M., Bro. Aaron E. Hunter.

Williamson Lodge, No. 369 ; Marshal, Bro. Jos. Kimes ; W. M., Bro. Robert W. Chew.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 368, with Legler Cornet Band, of Reading ; Marshal, Bro. Charles Laing ; W. M., Bro. E. W. Morris.

Humboldt Lodge, No. 359 ; Marshal, Bro. G. A. Walters ; W. M., Bro. C. L. Uebelle.

Thomson Lodge, No. 340, of Chester county ; Marshal, Bro. George R. Hoopes ; W. M., Bro. Robert B. Carey.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Marshal. Bro. John W. Schall.

Warren Lodge, No. 310, of Trappe, Montgomery county, with Post 2, G. A. R., Drum Corps ; Marshal, Bro. J. A. Strass ; W. M., Bro. Irwin C. Schwenk.

Fort Washington Lodge, No. 308, Fort Washington, Montgomery county ; Marshal, Bro. George H. Hillings ; W. M., Bro. Edwin H. Faust.

Melita Lodge, No. 295, with Voss's Newark Brass Band and a full Drum Corps ; Marshal, Bro. Frank Mills ; W. M., Bro. Thomas A. Redding.

Frankford Lodge, No. 292, with Ridgway Park Band ; Marshal, Bro. Thaddeus Stearne ; W. M., Bro. William Clark, Sr.

Orient Lodge, No. 289, with Keystone Cornet Band ; Marshal, Bro. J. Philip Lang ; W. M., Bro. Russell Spence.

THIRD DIVISION.

Marshal, Bro. Colonel Presley N. Guthrie.

Milnor Lodge, No. 287, Pittsburgh, with Pottstown Cornet Band ; Marshal, Bro. Wm. D. Shiking ; Worshipful Master, Bro. James S. Todd.

Porter Lodge, No. 284, Catasauqua ; Marshal, Bro. Frank J. Grover ; W. M., Bro. Charles W. Chapman.

Juniata Lodge, No. 282, Holidaysburg, Blair county ; Marshal, Bro. J. S. Mann ; W. M., Bro. James M. Lingafelt.

Hamilton Lodge, No. 274, with Keystone Band ; Marshal, Bro. Edward Manley ; W. M., Bro. D. H. Kochersperger.

Keystone Lodge, No. 271, with Landsdale Cornet Band ; Marshal, Bro. George Wagner ; W. M., Bro. Edwin S. Stuart.

Bellefonte Lodge, No. 268, Bellefonte, Clinton county; Marshal, Bro. Daniel K. Kline; W. M., Bro. Robert Hepburn.

York Lodge, No. 266, York, York county; Marshal, Bro. Charles S. Weiser; W. M., Bro. Issac A. Elliott.

St. John Lodge, No. 260, Carlisle, with Brenner's Band; Marshal, Bro. John R. Miller; W. M., Bro. John M. Wallace.

Milton Lodge, No. 256, Milton; Marshal, Bro. Eli B. Cluny; W. M., Bro. George J. Piper.

Stichter Lodge, No. 254, Pottstown; Marshal, Bro. Henry Robinson; W. M., Bro. Lloyd C. Keim.

Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, with Franklin Band; Marshal, Bro. Wm. K. MacFerran; W. M., Bro. William H. Maneely.

Doylestown Lodge, No. 245, Doylestown; Marshal, Bro. Henry R. Brooks; W. M., Bro. Alfred Paschall.

SECOND DIVISION.

Marshal, Bro. General George R. Snowden.

Richmond Lodge, No. 230, with Republic Band; Marshal, Bro. Henry C. Clare; Worshipful Master, Bro. Theodore J. Brown.

Chandler Lodge, No. 227, Reading; Marshal, Bro. Henry A. Tyson; W. M., Bro. A. Harvey Tyson.

Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, Lebanon; Marshal, Bro. Peter H. Guise; W. M., Bro. John Matthes.

Kensington Lodge, No. 211, with Metropolitan Band; Marshal, Bro. John W. Lee; W. M., Bro. John H. W. Chestnut.

Charity Lodge, No. 190, Norristown, with Norristown Cornet Band; Marshal, Bro. Rowland E. Harding; W. M., Bro. John W. Bickel.

Integrity Lodge, No. 187; Marshal, Bro. John Patterson; W. M., Bro. Samuel B. Winslow.

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, with Sixth Regiment Military Band of Camden; Marshal, Bro. Wm. B. Thomas; W. M., Bro. James M. West.

Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158; Marshal, Bro. Louis C. Dawson; W. M., Bro. Stockton Bates.

Washington Lodge, No. 156, Drumore Centre, Lancaster county; Marshal, Bro. John E. Turner; W. M., Bro. Milton M. Sourbeer.

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155 ; Marshal, Bro. Wm. D. Kendrick ; W. M., Bro. George Turner.

Roxborough Lodge, No. 135 ; Marshal, Bro. John G. Morris ; W. M., Bro. Edward T. Alburger.

Franklin Lodge, No. 134, with Branner's Cornet Band ; Marshal, Bro. Chas. T. Baroux ; W. M., Bro. Charles W. Nolen.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 130, with Band ; Marshal, Bro. John L. Young ; W. M., Bro. Daniel F. Davis.

Rising Star Lodge, No. 126 ; Marshal, Bro. Wm. C. Bleloch ; W. M., Bro. Wm. H. Cantlin.

Herrman Lodge, No. 125 ; Marshal, Bro. Peter Jacobus ; W. M., Bro. George Nass.

Union Lodge, No. 121 ; Marshal, Bro. Oscar R. Meyers ; W. M., Bro. Robert E. Pattison.

St. John's Lodge, No. 115, with Phoenixville Military Band ; Marshal, Bro. C. W. Packer, No. 1 ; W. M., Bro. Joseph S. Kite.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, with Citizens' Band of Phoenixville ; Marshal, Bro. William M. Webb ; W. M., Bro. Robert J. Linden.

Columbia Lodge, No. 91 ; Marshal, Bro. Stacey Welsch ; W. M., Bro. John C. Graham.

Hiram Lodge, No. 81 ; Marshal, Bro. Isaac S. Curner ; W. M., Jacob Gonaver.

FIRST DIVISION.

Marshal, Bro. General James W. Latta.

Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72 ; Marshal, Bro. Fred. F. Fisher ; W. M., Harry T. Kingston.

Lafayette Lodge, No. 71 ; Marshal, Bro. William Campbell ; W. M., Bro. Frank J. Pryor.

Concordia Lodge, No. 67, with Washington Grays' Band ; Marshal, Bro. Geo. H. Smith ; W. M., Bro. James J. Cooper.

Washington Lodge, No. 59, with Weccacoe Band ; Marshal, Bro. George W. Kendrick, Jr. ; W. M., Bro. William W. Smith.

Harmony Lodge, No. 52, with Americus Band ; Marshal, Bro. Wm. H. Dickson ; W. M., Bro. Roland G. Curtin.

Lodge No. 51, with Beck's Band ; Marshal, Bro. Theo. F. Pidgeon ; W. M., Bro. Adam Everly.

Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, with Millersville Cornet Band ; Marshal, Bro. ———— ; W. M., Bro. Joel S. Eby.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg; Marshal, Bro. Samuel D. Ingram; W. M., Bro. Wm. B. Lamberton.

Montgomery Lodge, No. 19; Marshal, Bro. A. H. Reynolds; W. M., Bro. John Lang.

Lodge No. 9; Marshal, Bro. ————; W. M., Bro. George P. Rusk.

Lodge No. 3; Marshal, Bro. Wm. J. McMullin; W. M., Bro. Walter H. Cullen.

Lodge No. 2, with Pencoyd Band; Marshal, Bro. Hiram A. Miller; W. M., Bro. Charles A. Ayers.

The marching of the Brethren comprised in the different divisions, was highly commended. Their appearance excited universal admiration on account of their manly deportment and acknowledged high character.

The line passed over the route up Broad street on the east side to Columbia avenue, returning on the west side, until the head of the line reached the Masonic Temple. Here the column was halted, and opened order, when the Right Worshipful Grand Master, with the Officers and members of the Grand Lodge passed through the lines, and were joined, as they passed the various Lodges, by their Worshipful Master, officers and Past Masters. When the Grand Lodge reached the Masonic Temple the Subordinate Lodges were dismissed, the Grand Lodge continuing on through the New Public Buildings, and along Broad street to the American Academy of Music. The day was excessively warm, and it is to the credit of the Brethren that they remained in line until the halt for the passage of the Grand Officers, and it is grateful to recall the fact that we have heard of so few who suffered materially from the effects of the march and the heat.

All participating in the parade spoke in the highest terms of Brother William Baldwin, Commissioner of Highways, for his forethought on behalf of his Brethren in having Broad street in such fine condition for their march; and also of His Honor, the Mayor, Brother Samuel G. King, and his

efficient Chief, Brother S. Irvin Given, for their admirable police arrangements during the entire celebration. Never has either been surpassed in our city.

Arriving at the American Academy of Music the Grand Lodge and its guests entered by the stage door on Locust street, and were seated on the spacious stage, while the Brethren were admitted by the usual doors of entrance, and were seated in the auditorium.

American Academy of Music.

PROGRAMME OF CEREMONIES.

OVERTURE.

"Jubal." Weber.

INVOCATION.

*By the Right Reverend Bro. CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD, D.D., Pittsburgh,
Grand Chaplain.*

O Almighty God, most holy and glorious, Thou great Architect of Heaven and Earth, we invoke Thy presence and blessing in this our assembly. Great has been Thy goodness to us in all the years that are past. Marvelous are Thy wondrous works. We thank Thee especially for the manifestations of Thy favor which we commemorate this day; and we pray Thee to continue to the sons the mercies vouchsafed in times past unto the fathers. Bless, we beseech Thee, this Grand Lodge and all the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction. Direct them in all their doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further them with Thy continual help; that in all their works, begun, continued and ended in Thee, they may glorify thy holy Name. And as by Thy providence, Thy servant, John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare Thy way before Thee, by preaching repentance; make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent of our sins according to his preaching, and after his example, each one of us in our intercourse with the world, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the

truth's sake. May every moral and social virtue unite us in the bond of peace and fraternal love. Make us, we pray Thee, to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name, and give unto us, in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

"Meditation," *Gounod.*

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

By the Right Worshipful the Honorable SAMUEL B. DICK, Grand Master.

BRETHREN: A century and a half ago to-day, the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, was established in this city.

In our Brotherhood have been united the servants of God, the wisest and noblest of men, the purest of statesmen, and the best of citizens.

The mysteries, virtues and teachings of Freemasonry come out of the ages, as forming one Great Light to illumine the human mind, so that it can understand the truth. Centuries have confirmed these teachings, and tradition has transmitted them to the present age.

The high mission of Freemasonry is to preserve and maintain them, so that the generations that are to come may receive them unchanged. The duty is positive, but not onerous, for as truth is alike inde-

structible and eternal, this duty demands fidelity and honesty for its full discharge.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of our Jurisdiction is now celebrating the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of its formation. Our proceedings to-day have been based on an earnest faith in our institution, an earnest love of the principles it teaches and exemplifies, and an earnest determination to preserve and maintain them, which animate every Brother of our Craft.

That there are sound reasons for the existence of these opinions, which ennoble them to the standard of sincere convictions, needs no argument to maintain.

History, since she began to chronicle the events which mark the passing time, has gathered on her pages the evidence of the moral grandeur of Freemasonry. There, too, may be found the utterances of men whose attachment to the principles of Freemasonry was among their distinctive characteristics. In the Old Testament and the New are found some striking references to the existence of the Institution, which, in later days, has been best known by the term Freemasonry.

The relations of our Institution to society, its members, and the history of our Grand Lodge, will be given you by distinguished citizens who are our Brethren. Thus opening the subject, I beg to invite your attention to the addresses which are to be the chief feature in the present ceremonies.

QUARTETTE AND CHORUS.

LIGHT! MORE LIGHT!

*Words by C. T. Sprague.**—F. Liszt.*

LIGHT! more light!
 The poet's gift bequeath'd us,
 Word renowned for ages,
 Whose echoes o'er and o'er,
 Have rolled from shore to shore.

Light! more light!
 It gives the spirit power, and nature all awakens,
 For that to thee we turn,
 For that, for thee we yearn.

Light! more light!
 Light is both love and being,
 Is strength and noble freedom,
 In choir they upward fly,
 Up to the light on high.

Light! more light!
 That word, "Let there be light," first uttered God Almighty.
 No more we dread the night,
 So giveth God but light, more light.

ADDRESS.

By His Excellency, Brother HENRY M. HOYT, Governor of Pennsylvania.

SUBJECT: "Masonry and its Relations to the Outer World."

An organization which can project itself before a discerning public, confidently, modestly, and effectively as the Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania have this day done, will overbear every question of its right to exist, and will safely challenge an analysis of its "reasons for being." This well-ordered display of external power, without blazonry or frivolous trappings, may well lead the student of social science to explore those

abiding and essential principles of human nature upon which Masonry in its esoteric philosophy is grounded. No fraternity of such proud, self-respecting citizens as have to-day countermarched upon the streets of this great city could be incorporated, and hold its integrity for generations, if its underlying polity was conceived in any wide or serious departure from the laws of God or of humanity. It were absurd to assume that its motive began and terminated in mere pageants or street parades, consciously strong, dignified, and imposing as this one has been. For one hundred and fifty years, at least, this particular guild has gone on with its functions, overseeing and ordering an organism which has to-day, not for the first time, made an exhibit of its power outside the Lodge-room, and this Grand Lodge is only one among many, and you thousands are only part of other tens of thousands. Does any suppose that all this pre-arranged order and adjusted co-operation is the outgrowth of whim, or curiosity or intrigue, and launched upon the public for mere vulgar display? Here is a vast gathering of sedate, judicious, and well-to-do citizens. They come from all callings in life. I hazard little in saying, that seated along these aisles are the foremost of the men who are making modern life what it is, in all its best phases and tendencies. They are not fanatics, nor are they conspirators. They pretend to no inspiration. They affect no supernatural mission. They are simply a body of plain, practical men, intent upon a plain common purpose.

Their ministrations lie about the home and threshold of every Brother—nay, of every fellow-being. Fraternity with them is not limited to those who sit in the Lodge-room. They take up the first awful question addressed to the first wrong-doer, “Where is thy brother?” They put it to every exclusive, oppressive, and corrupting person or community. They propose to reverse the melancholy philosophy of the Italian, who thought “that no man in God’s wide earth was willing or able to help any other man.” They propose to gather up all the glorious examples of their predecessors, and the ennobling tradition of the family of man, and as best they can, illuminated by the best light of natural reason, and in gathered strength and widened experience, fulfil the new and heightened demands of human fellowship. They invade no ecclesiastical domain. They usurp the functions of no sectary or church, or their ministers ordained under other and higher credentials, whose exhortations are to be enforced under higher sanctions. They have no political dilemmas, except the equality of men as children of a common Father, and no theological dogmas, except only the daily prayer and precept that “we may practice out of the Lodge, the principles of religion and morality we are taught within it.”

Think you, Brethren, that with your great and extended membership, with your compacted unity, your generous enthusiasm, your indoctrination in right morals, that your influence and impress can be confined

within the jurisdiction of the tylers of your Lodge-rooms? The force generated within the dead walls will be borne out by living men in beneficent streams, well typified by the stream of living men which has flowed through these streets to-day. The "principles of religion and morality" we are taught within the Lodge are not complicated riddles beyond the comprehension and solution of the plainest member. Under the government of a Supreme Being, we find ourselves mortals here, with multiplied rights and duties to each other. The natural man may apprehend and observe these rights and duties. 500 years B. C., Socrates formulated the conclusion upon which the process and the expectation of final success is predicated: "Man has, no doubt, strong self-preserving, self-asserting, and self-advancing instincts, which, if left without counter-action, would lead to isolation, or mutual hostility, and ultimate extermination; but these instincts of isolated individualism are met by stronger instincts of sympathy, love, and fellowship, in the ascendancy of which the true humanity of man, as distinguished from tigerhood and spiderhood, consists. The function of reason is the recognition and the realization of truth. Truth recognized in speculation is science; truth realized in action is a moral life and a well-ordered society."

Without insisting upon the antiquity of Freemasonry, I am insisting upon the antiquity of the reasons underlying it and the identity of its doctrines and its methods

with right humanity. There have come streaming down the centuries the central ideas of rightness and the maxims of justice which have saved us. In the prehistoric mists of the race, in the earliest types which blind Homer sung, anterior to the first Olympiad, amid the jealousies and struggles and even barbarities of the Grecian chieftians and kings of men before the walls of Troy, we come upon the full apprehension and exercise of the same essential qualities of manhood, whose definition has neither been lost nor essentially enlarged. From that day to this it has continuously included honesty, courage, love of country, loyalty to persons, faithfulness to convictions, respect, fidelity, and love for woman, whether maiden or wife, cherished with tenderness "from the bloom to the ripening of the grape." Among the soundest of ideas got from all this past we may reckon the power of opinion and persuasion as opposed to force; the sense of responsibility in governing men; the hatred of tyranny and all unlimited power; the reconciliation and harmony between the spirit of freedom on the one hand, the spirit of order and reverence on the other, and a practical belief in right as relative and in duty as reciprocal, and that the rights of human nature are unitary.

This body of doctrine which you hold—directed and adapted to no special calling, no sect, no clique, but to all men, energized by organization, and more or less perfectly developed in the daily life of a picked body of men—selected citizens—must overflow the confines

of Masonic Temples. These temples become depositories of moral capital out of which all drafts made by charity, morality, religion, and even death, may be honored at sight. They are the enacted law of the Ahiman Rezon—logically grown out of a reasonable legend, and supported by a *cultus* and a ritual, which can offend neither the conscience nor the common sense. Therein the helplessness of the individual is supplemented by the power of fellowship. Hopeless would be our condition if we struggled each for himself through the mazes and perplexities of life. In the whirl and attrition of the awful machinery in motion all about us, in the successes and disasters, in the hopes and woes, in the gladness and bitterness which hedge us roundabout, the individual is an inconsequential unit. Organization and fellowship rescue him from the unequal conflicts, in which single-handed he would go down before the craft and evil combined against him. They are the scaffolding from which the complete harmonious social structure can be raised.

“ God loves from whole to parts, but human soul
 “ Must rise from individual to the whole;
 “ Self-love but serves the virtuous mind to wake,
 “ As the small pebble stirs the peaceful lake.
 “ The center moved, a circle straight succeeds,
 “ Another still, and still another spreads;
 “ Friend, parent, neighbor first it will embrace,
 “ His country next, and next all human race.”

For my part, I fully believe that mankind will finally triumph over the destiny which now seems so griev-

ously to encompass them. They have well held their own. Step by step, humanity has climbed nearer the heavens whence we came. Not alone by the maxims current with Agamemnon and Achilles, Socrates and Marcus Aurelius—not, perhaps, unaided from the Empyrean heights, whence Prometheus snatched the sacred fire, and not without enduring some of the tortures which that vicarious sufferer for his race endured, chained to the rocks of Mount Caucasus—not without the pregnant formula of the apostle of the Gentiles: “Now abide faith, hope, and charity, these three—but the greatest of these is charity”—not without the external and divine help of Him who, eighteen centuries ago, spoke the Sermon on the Mount and taught us “the Lord’s Prayer.”

The chivalry, and art, and democracy with which the Olympian games glorified the Hellenic race, ought not to be an anachronism to us. Our contentions are in the arena of ethics and morals. Rewards for victory in achievements now, no less precious than the wreath from the sacred olive tree in Olympia, awaits successful competitors. They are for those who can “best work and best agree.” Our beatitudes terminate not upon the individual, but upon the family, the State, and the race. We shall yet reap the harvest. “And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the Lord, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth, and the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil, and they shall hear Jezrael.”

CHORUS OF PILGRIMS.

*Words by Bro. Stockton Bates.**—Wagner.*

NOW crowned with years, we with rapture behold thee !
 Still young the hearts that so fondly enfold thee,
 No years our Grand Lodge can impair ;
 A deathless life is her portion fair.
 Our God has bless'd the good seed sown,—
 Our temples heavenward have grown,
 From highest cope to corner-stone,
 A master's handiwork is shown.
 Now crowned with years we with rapture behold thee !
 Still young the hearts that so fondly enfold thee,
 Before thine altar low we bow,
 And breathe again each holy vow.
 Hallelujah ! forever more.

ADDRESS.

*By Brother the Honorable HENRY W. WILLIAMS, President Judge of
 the Fourth District of Pennsylvania.*

SUBJECT: "Masonry in its Relations to and Effect upon the Members of the Craft."

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, Officers and Members of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Brethren of the Craft:

It is maintained by some old writers that a knowledge of our weakness and our wants is the foundation on which civil society rests. They tell us that we learn to respect the rights of others not because it is just so to do, but because we wish them in turn to respect ours; that we engage to help in the work of protecting them that they may help to protect us. On both sides of this compact the stipulations begin and end with ourselves. Our lives and liberty, our property and

comfort are the objects we seek to secure, and our agreement is to refrain from interfering with them who refrain from interfering with us. It is not insisted by these writers that such a compact was ever made in express terms, but that it exists by implication, and that it explains with substantial accuracy the basis on which civil government rests, and properly defines its functions. But when government has been organized, and our individual weakness supplemented, and our primary individual needs provided for thereby, we have simply secured separate standing room for ourselves.

As we look about us from our new position, new needs begin at once to develop themselves. Nature without us is to be subdued and subordinated. Nature within us is to be trained and cultivated. We need now not merely passive non-interference with each other, but active co-operation. We need to regard each other not as natural foes restrained from injuring each other by the terms of a selfish civil compact, but as natural friends, having common interests, common dangers and a common destiny.

In what manner, by what instrumentality, shall this change in our relations be effected? The State has developed but it cannot supply this need. It is organized, as we have seen, for the purposes of protection. When each individual citizen is protected from oppression and injury at the hand of his fellows, and the whole body of citizens is protected from oppression

and injury from without, its proper work is done. Other agencies must take up the work where the State is compelled to leave it, or it must remain undone. Society seems able to supply the needed instrumentality. Personal intercourse, the contact of man with man ought to lead directly to mutual sympathy and to intelligent and hearty co-operation ; but, in practice, these results do not follow, or they are too limited in their influence to make any considerable progress in this direction. There are too many influences at work in society tending to division. The great masses of men and women seem divided as the rocks are, along great and well-marked lines of cleavage. Caste is everywhere. It may be based on family, on pecuniary success, or official position ; it may rest on the character of one's employment, on religious opinions, or on race prejudices ; but its results are always the same. It builds up barriers hard to remove ; it opens chasms hard to bridge, and harder yet to fill ; it separates society into sections which have little in common save their common prejudices and their mutual distrust.

Some other instrumentality is still needed. Religion ought surely to supply it. It seems exactly adapted by its character and its teachings to meet this want. It tells us that we are children of a common Father, and therefore brethren, members of one great family, who should learn to love and help each other. But the same tendencies that result in the division of society seem also to divide the Church. Denomination-

alism follows religion like a dark shadow, and men sit in the shadow and seem to mistake it for the sunlight of religious truth. They divide and subdivide by sectarian walls built high and strong ; so high and so strong that it is hard for Christian charity to climb or to penetrate them. The result of these influences has been division and dissension, narrowness and bigotry ; in some instances, actual hatred and bitter persecution. Where sectarianism has been strongest, these adverse results have been most striking and most painful. If this spirit could be exorcised, this shadow dissipated (and the morning of this deliverance begins to dawn) nothing more need be desired in the way of humanizing and harmonizing instrumentalities than religion would afford. But as things now are, the Church leaves men separated by differences of creed or ritual or government. Society leaves them separated by differences of position, class or race.

There is needed some new basis of individual contact by means of which indifference and prejudice may be removed and sympathy and fraternity cultivated. A sense of this need led early in the history of the race to the formation of voluntary organizations for this special purpose. They existed among our Anglo-Saxon forefathers. They flourished in Rome before the Cæsars. Some of them had their origin in the union of those engaged in some particular form of labor or branch of trade, in order to mutual helpfulness and encouragement. Some grew out of neigh-

borhood, uniting the dwellers in a certain part of the city, or in a particular region for mutual protection from some common danger; but in them all, among the evident purposes of organization, was this, viz.: to secure among those affected by them, an increased interest in and regard for each other.

In more modern times many societies having this object in view, have been organized. They have varied in name and plan of organization, in modes and objects of benevolence, in doctrine and in ritual; but they have been alike in this, that they have all taught the great doctrine of our fraternal relation to each other, and our resulting duty. They have all been intended to help, and, it is safe to say, have greatly helped to bring men into harmonious relations, and to unite their membership by a new, a peculiar and an important tie.

If you will stand by a loom in one of the factories of this great city, you will see that the warp in front of the weaver's shuttle is a system of distinct threads. They are very near to, yet separate from each other. They bring to each other no help by reason of their neighborhood. But the shuttle flies backward and forward, carrying its slender line of woof across them, and it leaves behind it not distinct threads but a compactly woven web; every thread bound to every other.

Such is the work we have seen to be needed among men. The individual threads of society lie parallel

with, are near to, yet separate from each other. They bring to each other no help by reason of their neighborhood. The influences that shall carry the line across these threads, through the cliques and sects among them, and bind men together as men, are what the world needs.

This is the office which has, in greater or less degree, been filled by *all* the voluntary organizations to which we have referred; but towering above them all in antiquity, in influence and in adaptation to this work is the Society, "Ancient and Honorable" of Free and Accepted Masons. Whatever may be said of its claim to extreme antiquity, it has at least a very venerable age. It is not local, but is diffused throughout the civilized world. Its vitality is remarkable. It has withstood persecution and outlived all forms of popular prejudice and political clamor that have been directed against it. It has drawn into its ranks and enlisted heartily in its work an enormous membership, embracing the ripe scholar and the unlettered, clergyman and layman, the capitalist and the employee, official dignitaries and untitled citizens. It has built halls, and hospitals and schools. It has expended millions in unostentatious charities; it has provided care and comfort and protection for the widow and the orphan which, in scales sensitive enough to respond to the moral qualities of actions, would outweigh all its treasures. And now, as we are here this day to celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its

introduction into the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am asked to answer, in the light of this century and a half of Masonic history, the question, "What is the relation which Masonry sustains to its membership?"

I have already indicated my answer, but will try and retrace the lines, so as to bring them out with greater distinctness.

Masonry sustains towards its members the relation of a *society*, in the best sense of that word. In the Society which it provides all meet on equal terms. The feet of all rest on the same level. If some heads tower above others it is because of differences in stature, not in standing ground. Masonry builds on the man. It teaches in all its work, written and unwritten, that our worth is in ourselves, not in our possessions; that internal qualities, not external circumstances and surroundings, make the man. It is pleasant to be rich in money and lands, but it is more desirable to be rich in virtue. It is a good thing to have a good ancestry, but it is a better thing to be in one's own person a good man. Distinctions that rest on individual worth, or result from well-directed labor, are natural and logical, and they are the only distinctions which Masonry recognizes. To impress this lesson upon its members, it requires of all those who would approach its altars, that they leave their social and business and political advantages and positions outside the doors of the Lodge-room. Once inside all are Masons, and as

such stand together on the common ground of a common Brotherhood. This is very unlike the society outside, and furnishes one of the reasons why many persons are so enthusiastically attached to Masonry. It treats them fairly and gives them opportunity. It does not cruelly remind them of their birth or race, of their poverty or their misfortunes, but recognizes and honors them for what they are. Such recognition is grateful; it helps maintain suitable self-respect; it gives courage and strength; and it kindles in the bosom of its recipient that grateful and steadfast devotion to Masonry at which those who are spectators merely so often wonder.

Having planted its organization on manhood as its basis, and having excluded from it all forms of caste, and all distinctions resting on extrinsic considerations, its next care is to guard against the introduction of political controversy. This it does by providing a political platform broad enough and fundamental enough for all to stand upon. Its creed is simply, "Loyalty to the State." It regards its members as interested by virtue of their citizenship in the prosperity and perpetuity of the State, and as owing it their allegiance. Methods of administration and questions of mere political policy it leaves to such organizations as are political in character. It emphasizes the duties of the good citizen. It teaches obedience to the laws, reverence for magistrates, and support to the government against all its foes, whether within or without its bor-

ders. These are duties which rest on the citizen as such, whatever his peculiar political views or party affiliations may be, and which therefore men who love their country (those who do not are not fit to be made Masons) cannot differ about. On those questions which do not directly touch the obligations which spring from citizenship, but which furnish the controversies over which men divide into parties, Masonry expresses no opinions, but leaves its members perfectly free to form their own without interference, and to choose their modes of advocating them without accountability except to their own consciences and the law of the land. It knows no parties. It has been attacked by politicians, and party machinery has been directed against it with great zeal and great bitterness. Political campaigns have been organized, and candidates put forward for popular support with no other watchword, no other rallying cry, than "Down with Masonry!" but resting on its own broad and patriotic creed like some tall lighthouse built on the solid rock, it has withstood the roar of the tempest and the beating of the waves, and, unharmed, continued to send out over the sea its guiding radiance as freely, and as brightly as though the storm had never been. The remaining source of controversy to be guarded against in this Society is that of religious doctrine. Masonry provides against this by going down for its own creed to those elementary, those necessary propositions, on which all true religion must rest. It teaches the ex-

istence of one Supreme Being, the Father and Judge of us all. It asserts that He is not infinitely away from us, but that He is so near that He can both see and hear His children. It teaches that He is good and merciful, and ready to guide and bless. It teaches also that He is just, and that He will at some time "try our work," and distinguish between those who have done well, and those who have done ill. On the human side of its creed it teaches reverence for God and love for man, but it does not affirm or deny the doctrines over which men who profess to worship the same God have so long divided and struggled. It is not a church. It does not claim to be a distinctively religious organization, but a Society in which manhood is magnified, and whose creed is broad enough to unite upon it all "good men and true," from all lands and from all churches, who believe in one God, and in a revelation of His will—a "Book of the Law." To this fundamental doctrine the Christian adds belief in the divinity of Christ, the Mussulman adds belief in the inspiration of Mohammed as a prophet, the Jew rejects both Christ and Mohammed; but Christian, Mussulman and Jew stand together on the two propositions which underlie the system of each, and which constitute the theology of Masonry. A creed so broad affords no basis for sectarian controversy, but opens the way for the great truth, that our duties reach out beyond the lines that enclose family or clique, party or sect, and touch man wherever he may be found.

If compelled to choose between those whose necessities are equal, Masonry enjoins upon its membership to administer first to the necessities of each other, but next to a Brother Mason they are to the extent of their ability to relieve, to give of their kind offices and their treasure, to a brother man.

Masonry also occupies towards its membership the relation of a teacher. It is constantly stating, illustrating and enforcing its own summary of the moral law through its ritual and through its unwritten work, through its signs and symbols, and through its literature. In all these ways it teaches that God is one, and that we owe Him reverence and obedience; that the race is one, and that we owe to each member of it fraternal recognition and good will. Descending to the affairs of our every-day life, it teaches us subordination and obedience to those above us in authority, confidence and kindly co-operation towards those who stand on the same level with us, patience, forbearance and helpfulness towards those whose position in life is lower or whose opportunities have been less favorable than ours. It teaches that the weak have, by reason of their weakness, peculiar claims on the strong; that the poor have, by reason of their poverty, peculiar claims on the rich; that those on whom fortune has smiled should carry light and hope and help to the hearts and homes of those who have been broken by affliction or overwhelmed by misfortune. It teaches selfish human nature that it is better to serve than to be

served ; better to carry a warm heart and open hand to the service of one who needs, than with a cold parsimony to confine our sympathies and our expenditures to ourselves. It teaches to nourish and provide for the helplessness of infancy, and the helplessness of age. It teaches to respect and honor woman, and it lifts in its arms and holds ever in the foreground the widow and the orphan, as with peculiar emphasis *the* objects of Masonic tenderness and protection. This office of a teacher is not new to Masonry. From the remotest period of its history down through the ages it has been repeating the lessons which it teaches to-day. Meantime systems of science and philosophy have changed. The accepted doctrines of one age have become the subjects of ridicule in the next. But this teacher, sitting in the quiet retirement of its halls and chambers, has taught the same system of morality and fraternity to the generations as they have passed.

Without enlarging further upon the relations of Masonry to its members, let me speak briefly to the question, "What is its effect" upon those to whom it sustains these relations?

It would be pleasant, indeed, to be able to say that its effects upon the character and lives of all within its reach was all that its founders intended, or its friends could desire. So much, however, cannot be affirmed of any organization, secular or religious. Of the mil-

lions who in our own country have been baptized into the faith of the Great Galilean, how many are there who fully exemplify in their daily lives the pure precepts of their religion?

Let those in the Church who reproach Masonry because it has not accomplished all that it proposes in the elevation of its members, answer this question. Let them cease from their reproaches until they have made answer. Yet religion is none the less Divine because human nature is weak. For that very reason it is needed, and to that condition of the race it is adapted. So while it should be conceded that Masonry has not been able to make all its members perfect men, it is nevertheless true that it attempts, and is adapted to, the work of making them *better* men. Its effect has at least been to help them to juster ideas of what they should be, and to a higher plane of conduct than they would have reached without its aid. The processes by which we are lifted up are better understood than formerly, and the teaching power of many things once overlooked has come to be seen and recognized. Fine pictures are now admitted to be fine teachers when we come to know them; the harmonies of music affect and mould us; the atmosphere of home and all our personal surrounding contribute to our development, and help to make us what we are.

Masonry employs similar instrumentalities in its service. It surrounds its membership with an atmosphere

of social concord ; it seeks to fill that atmosphere with the music of kind words and the fragrance of kind deeds ; it presents for study and imitation a figure of surpassing beauty, that of the ideal man ; it appeals ever to the highest motives, and addresses itself to that which is noblest in our natures. But lest we fail to learn the lessons so taught, Masonry becomes patiently practical, and undertakes the work of particular and specific instruction in regard to our conduct in the various relations in life. To make good citizens, it teaches obedience to the law and love for the State ; to make good heads of families, it teaches the sacredness of the family relations ; to make good neighbors, it teaches that it is not the man who is nearest but the man who is most needy that is our neighbor ; to make good men, it teaches that man should be valued for his manly qualities. Here we have the employment of natural and appropriate instrumentalities for the elevation of moral character, the use of recognized and adequate means to reach a given end, and, if we knew nothing whatever of the history of Masonry, it would be contrary to human experience and against all the probabilities of the case to suppose that these means and instrumentalities could prove wholly abortive. More than this it may not be modest for a Mason to say. His testimony may be thought to be that of a partial and an interested witness ; but there are witnesses whose testimony cannot be so regarded. The visible work and the open charities of the Society are known,

or may be known to all. By the testimony of these Masonry is willing to be judged. Its history during the one hundred and fifty years of its existence in this Commonwealth may be read of all men. Masonry is willing to be judged by its history. Its membership extends into every neighborhood—into every profession and employment. They are in places of private and of public trust. They stand where they can be seen and measured by the side of other men. Masonry is more than willing to be judged by its membership. The record for the last one hundred and fifty years is made up; the volume is closed. “What is writ is writ.” Those who come after us will read it. History will sit in judgment upon it, and fix its value with judicial impartiality.

Now just for one moment, in closing, let us indulge in prophecy. When another one hundred and fifty years have come and gone, what then? What wonders lie hidden in the folds of the century and a half before us? It is certainly safe to predict that the arts and sciences will, within that time, make conquests now undreamed of; that nature will take man more closely into her confidence, open for him new fields of investigation, and unlock for him new and richer storehouses; that knowledge will be diffused, and that while men and women grow wiser, they will also grow stronger and better. It is probably safe to predict that, at the end of one hundred and fifty years, the sword shall have been beaten into a plowshare and

the spear into a pruning-hook ; that the prison-house and the gallows shall then be unfamiliar sights, and that even the power of disease shall be circumscribed and held within definite bounds. It is possibly safe to predict that then, one hundred and fifty years away, all men will have come to adopt our Masonic creed, and agree that God is one, that the race is one, and that religion, the link that binds the one family to the one God is also, and by an inexorable necessity, *one*.

If this prediction be fulfilled, then the barriers that divide society will disappear, the chasms that now so effectually separate will close, and the race will stand so near together that the spirit of brotherly love, like a golden line of woof passing backward and forward among them, shall leave behind it not distinct and distrustful individuals, but a compact and beautiful whole—a Society in which every child of the common Father shall be bound to every other.

When that time comes, the volume of Masonic history will be closed, and its work in the world will be done.

CANTATA.

TO THE SONS OF ART.

*Schiller.**—Mendelssohn.*

O SONS of Art, man's dignity to you is given :

Preserve it, man ! It falls with you, with you ascends
to heaven !

The hallowed themes of Magian dreams,

Founded in wisdom's vast creation,

Gliding like rivers find their ocean, that great harmonious plan.

Eternal Truth, tho' oft rejected,
 Exists not ever unprotected ;
 She finds a refuge with the tuneful throng,
 She there appears in all her glory,
 Mighty when veil'd in mystic story ;
 She wakes the lay of lofty voices,
 And over all her foes rejoices,
 Her vengeance flashing, peals in song.
 To your free Mother homage render,
 Boldly to gain her height aspire ;
 Enthron'd she dwells in radiant splendor ;
 No other crown than her's desire.
 While you her thousand paths are tracing,
 Press onward, keeping truth in sight ;
 Come all together, stand embracing,
 Before the Throne where paths unite.

ADDRESS.

By Brother J. SIMPSON AFRICA, of Huntingdon, Pa.

SUBJECT: "History of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania."

It is foreign to the subject assigned to me to treat of the traditions relating to the origin of Freemasonry. It is recorded in authentic history that guilds of operative stone-masons flourished in the early centuries of the Christian era. The existence of a Lodge at the City of York, England, in the year 926, is frequently mentioned in the old manuscripts, and is affirmed in the opening paragraph of the warrants of all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction.

Who were the first Freemasons in Pennsylvania, or the date at which they began social fraternal intercourse, has been lost to history. There were, among the early immigrants to this colony, some Brethren who

had been introduced to the arts and mysteries of the Craft in the fatherland.

John Moore, a native of England, came to America in 1680, and settled first in South Carolina. Before the close of the century he removed to Philadelphia, and in 1703 was commissioned by the King as collector of the Port. In a letter written in 1715, he mentions having "spent a few evenings in festivity with my Masonic Brethren." This is the earliest written evidence that has survived the ravages of time, of the fact that members of the Craft dwelt within the present jurisdiction. It will be borne in mind that this event antedates the first newspaper of the province, the place where, in these days, we are accustomed to look for a record of the occurrences of the times. Among his numerous descendants many attained professional and political as well as Masonic prominence. A son was known as William Moore, of Moore Hall, Chester county. A daughter of the latter became the wife of Rev. William Smith, D.D. Dr. Smith, of whom mention will again be made, was Grand Secretary for a number of years. His son William Moore Smith served as Grand Master during the years 1796 and 1797. Another son, Charles, was Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster, from June, 1791, to June, 1792. William R., son of William Moore Smith, was the first W. M. of Lodge No. 178, at Huntingdon, Pa., in 1821. Removing to Wisconsin, he served several terms as Grand Secretary, and two years as Grand Master of

the Grand Lodge of that State. Many others of the descendants of John Moore are now respected members of our great Masonic family. Thus a veneration for the institution has been manifested from a pioneer through succeeding generations for more than one hundred and sixty years.

In 1730, Philadelphia had attained a population of about 12,000 inhabitants, and was the chief city of the continent. On the 5th of June, of that year, the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England (subsequently known as "the Moderns"), issued a deputation to Daniel Coxe, wherein it is recited :

"Whereas application has been made unto us by our Rt. Worshipful and well-beloved Brother, Daniel Cox, of New Jersey, Esqr., and by several other Brethren, Free and Accepted Masons, residing and about to reside in the said provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania, that we would be pleased to nominate and appoint a Provincial Grand Master of the said provinces :

"Now know ye, that we have nominated, ordained, constituted and appointed, and do by these presents constitute and appoint, our Rt. Worshipful and well-beloved Brother, the said Daniel Cox, Provincial Grand Master of the said provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania, with full power and authority to nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand

Master and Grand Wardens for the space of two years from the feast of St. John the Baptist now next ensuing, after which time it is our will and pleasure, and we do hereby ordain that the Brethren who do now reside, or who may hereafter reside, in all or any of the said provinces, shall and they are hereby empowered every other year on the feast of St. John the Baptist to elect a Provincial Grand Master, who shall have the power of nominating and appointing his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens."

It also conferred upon the Provincial Grand Master for the time being, authority to constitute Lodges as occasion might require.

In the autumn of the year named, 1730, Provincial Grand Master Coxe chartered the first Lodge in the new world in this city. It is noted as No. 79 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, and is designated as "The Hoop, Water street," the place where the Brethren assembled. Bro. Benjamin Franklin, in his *Pennsylvania Gazette*, for December 8th, 1730, mentions the fact that "there are several Lodges of Freemasons erected in this province." On the 29th of January, 1731, Brother Coxe visited the Grand Lodge of England, and was greeted as Provincial Grand Master of North America. Brother Coxe was a son of Dr. Daniel Coxe, of London, a large landed proprietor and Governor of West Jersey. He was distinguished as a lawyer, author, jurist and soldier, and

was zealous in the propagation of religion in the American colonies. He died April 25th, 1739, in the neighboring city of Burlington, and his remains rest in the cemetery attached to St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church in that city. His descendants are numerous. A grandson, Tench Coxe, Esq., born in 1756, graduated at the University of Pennsylvania, and served in the Colonial Assembly, Continental Congress, as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and in other prominent political positions.

The meetings of the Lodge instituted by Brother Coxe were held on the first Monday of each month at the "Tun Tavern," on the east side of King, now Water street, at the corner of Tun, now Wilcox's alley.

Brother Coxe's authority as Provincial Grand Master, limited by the deputation already mentioned, expired on St. John's Day, June 24, 1732, and on that day a Grand Lodge was held at the usual place, when William Allen, Esq., was unanimously elected Grand Master, and Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Boude, Wardens for the following year.

In June, 1733, Humphrey Murray was chosen Grand Master.

In June, 1734, Benjamin Franklin was chosen Grand Master.

On June 24, 1735, James Hamilton was chosen Grand Master.

On June 24, 1736, Thomas Hopkinson was chosen Grand Master.

In June, 1737, William Plumstead was chosen Grand Master.

On June 24, 1738, Joseph Shippen was chosen Grand Master.

On June 24, 1741, Philip Syng, was chosen Grand Master.

In November, 1734, Grand Master Franklin, acting upon information gleaned from the gazettes of the day that the powers of Brother Henry Price, of Boston, Provincial Grand Master of New England, had been extended over all America, addressed him an official letter, and after premising that, although such information had not been regularly communicated to him, yet giving credit thereto, asked that the Brethren in Pennsylvania might be confirmed in the privileges they now enjoy of annually holding their Grand Lodge, choosing their Grand Officers, etc. Franklin's information was not correct, for on examination of Price's deputation, granted by Grand Master Lord Montague on April 30th, 1733, it appears that his authority was limited to New England, and there is no evidence that he ever exercised any control over the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and it continued to elect Grand Officers annually as prescribed in the Coxe deputation.

Lord John Ward, Grand Master of England, on the 23d of September, 1743, nominated Thos. Oxnard,

Esq., Provincial Grand Master of all North America, who, on the 10th of July, 1749, appointed Benjamin Franklin Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, with authority to appoint other Grand Officers, hold a Grand Lodge, issue warrants, etc. The first Grand Lodge under this authority was held at the Royal Standard, Market street. On the 13th of March, 1750, William Allen presented a commission from the Grand Lodge of England conferring upon him the prerogatives of Provincial Grand Master, and his authority was accordingly recognized.

St. John's Day, June 24th, 1755, was celebrated by the Grand Lodge by appropriate ceremonies. The Brethren went in Masonic procession from the Lodge-room to Christ Church, where an eloquent discourse was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Dr. William Smith. There were present on this occasion one hundred and thirty Brethren representing the three Lodges then existing in the province.

For the remaining years of the existence of this Grand Lodge the records are lost. During the war for Independence a large precentage of its members adhered to the king, while those attached to what was then known as the Ancients—a rival branch of Masonry—were generally patriots. The organization of the “Moderns” languished, and finally expired, while that of the Ancients prospered.

"THE ANCIENTS."

About 1757, possibly earlier, a number of the citizens of Philadelphia were made Masons by the "Ancients." On the 7th of June, 1758, a warrant numbered 69 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of England, was granted, authorizing the holding of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the city of Philadelphia. This warrant was surrendered to and re-issued by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, February 10, 1780, and appears on its register as No. 2. This, the senior Lodge of the jurisdiction, has now a membership of over two hundred.

Soon after 1758, an application was made for a warrant for a Provincial Grand Lodge. Two warrants were issued and lost in transmission; a third, dated June 20, 1764, and numbered 89 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England and 1 in Pennsylvania, was received and, under authority granted by it, a Grand Lodge for this province was organized. From this Grand Lodge all the Lodges now at work in the commonwealth derived their authority.

During the confusion that ensued upon the British occupation of this city in 1777-78 the minutes were lost. The oldest book among the archives is one beginning with the communication held July 29, 1779.

November 22, 1781, the Ahiman Rezon, as abridged and digested by Bro. Rev. Dr. Smith, was adopted, but was not printed until 1783. On St. John's Day, Decem-

ber 27, 1783, the several Lodges of the city went in procession to St. Paul's Church, where a sermon suited to the occasion was delivered by Rev. Dr. Magan. On St. John's Day, December 27, 1784, the same ceremony was observed in attending Christ Church, where a sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. White.

The propriety of sundering the official relation subsisting between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England was agitated, and at the Quarterly Communication held September 25, 1786, the subject was acted upon, and a resolution adopted declaring the Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other authority. The next day at a convention of thirteen Lodges they formed themselves into the "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

SUBORDINATE LODGES

Of the early Lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of the Ancients, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 13, and 19 (second of that number), were located in this city; 5, 14 and 18 (second of that number), in Delaware; 6, 7, 15, 16 and 17, in Maryland; 10, in New Jersey; 11 and 12 (first of that number), in Bucks county; 12 (second of that number), in Virginia; 18 (first of that number), and 19 (first of that number), were military Lodges. Of those in this State, only 2, 3, 9 and 19 now exist.

The oldest surviving Lodge outside of this city is Perseverance, No. 21, at Harrisburg, warranted Octo-

ber 4th, 1779. It maintained its organization during the political crusade that raged most violently around its portals. The fidelity of this Lodge was fitly recognized in the selection of one of its brightest Past Masters to preside over the Grand Lodge during the years 1870 and 1871. No. 22, warranted the same day, and the junior of Perseverance only in number, is still at work in Sunbury; and 25, dating from March 15, 1780, is a flourishing Lodge at Bristol. Warrant 23 was for a Lodge in New Jersey, and 24 at Reading—subsequently vacated. Lodges 26 to 42, inclusive are either extinct or are attached to other jurisdictions. The most of them were in other States.

The warrant for 43, at Lancaster, was issued April 21, 1785. In the long list of prominent Brethren who occupied the Worshipful Master's chair, appear the familiar names of Brothers Judges Charles Smith and Molton C. Rodgers, President James Buchanan, George B. Porter, Governor of Michigan, and other distinguished citizens.

No. 44 was in Delaware; 45, the first Lodge west of Harrisburg, dates from December 27, 1785, and is located in the city of Pittsburgh. Although at the opposite end of the State from the Masonic Mecca, the Grand Lodge records show that it was seldom unrepresented at the Communications. No. 46 (first), was in Lancaster county; 46 (second), Cape Francois; 47 (first), Charlestown, South Carolina; 47 (second), at Reading, and 47 (third), St. Domingo, are extinct.

The early efforts to plant Masonry in the valley of the Juniata by 48, at Bedford, December 28, 1789; 55, at Huntingdon, July 12, 1792; 68, at Mifflin, March 21, 1796; and 85, at Alexandria, December 1, 1800, were not rewarded by permanent success. After a few years of work, amid a sparse population, these Lodges were abandoned.

Nos. 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72 and 81, are among the strong and prosperous Lodges of this city.

Of the other Lodges warranted before the close of the last century, 60 at Brownsville, December, 7, 1793; 61 at Wilkesbarre, Feb. 13, 1794, of which our Brother, Governor Hoyt, is an honored Past Master; 62, at Reading, March 31, 1794; 70, at Athens, Bradford county, July 6, 1796; and 75 at Phoenixville, March 5, 1798, only survive.

During the next decade, ending with 1810, 39 Lodges were chartered. Eight of these were in Louisiana; 6 in St. Domingo; 1 each in Cuba, Delaware, Ohio and Indiana; 14 were closed, leaving 7 now at work. Nos. 91, 114, 115, 121 and 125 in Philadelphia; 106 at Williamsport, and 108 at Towanda.

In the following ten years, even amid the second war of Independence, the Craft prospered, and 51 Lodges were added to the register. One was for the army; one in Louisiana, and five in Cuba; 29 are extinct; leaving 15 now at work; Nos. 126, 130, 131, 134, 135, 155 and 158, in this city; 138 at Orwigsburg; 143 at

Chambersburg; 144 at Milton; 152 at Easton; 153 at Waynesburg; 156 at Drumore Centre; 163 at Monroeton, and 164 at Washington.

From 1820 to 1830, covering the period of the rise of the anti-Masonic crusade, 39 warrants were issued. One each in Buenos Ayres, Mexico and Cuba; 28 have been vacated, and of the surviving eight we find Nos. 186, 187 and 211 are held by Lodges at work in Philadelphia; 190 at Norristown; 194 at Selin's Grove; 197 at Carlisle; 199 at Lock Haven, and 203 at Lewistown.

The next decade added but two to the Grand Lodge register; No. 216 at Pottsville, and 217 in Uruguay, South America. No. 216 warranted when the anti-Masonic excitement had nearly reached its climax, greets us to-day with a membership of over 200. It may be here remarked that many of the persecutors of Masonry relented as the storm abated; admired the institution, knocked for admission, and were received. A conspicuous one became Master of one of the Philadelphia Lodges.

After the storm a calm. From 1840 to 1850, thirty-six Lodges were constituted, and all are at work save two. In the following decade, extending to and including 1860, eighty-eight Warrants were issued. Two of the Lodges are off the roll, and two were never organized; the remaining eighty-four are performing the work of the Craft.

The next ten years end with 1870, and the record of Warrants granted reaches the unprecedented number of 146; 140 are active; one, No. 394, was reconsidered and not issued, and five (Nos. 348, 356, 407, 422 and 452) are vacant.

From the close of 1870, up to St. John's Day, December 27, 1880, seventy-one new Warrants were issued.

The following table shows the number of Warrants granted by the Grand Lodge (Ancients) from its organization until the close of the year 1881, the number surrendered, vacated or not issued, and the number of Lodges at work :

| DATE. | | | | No. Granted. | Vacated, surrendered, &c. | Lodges now at Work. |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Before December 27th, 1780 | . | . | . | 36 | 29 | 7 |
| From 1780 to " " 1790 | . | . | . | 22 | 20 | 2 |
| " 1790 " " " 1800 | . | . | . | 37 | 25 | 12 |
| " 1800 " " " 1810 | . | . | . | 39 | 32 | 7 |
| " 1810 " " " 1820 | . | . | . | 51 | 36 | 15 |
| " 1820 " " " 1830 | . | . | . | 39 | 31 | 8 |
| " 1830 " " " 1840 | . | . | . | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| " 1840 " " " 1850 | . | . | . | 36 | 2 | 34 |
| " 1850 " " " 1860 | . | . | . | 88 | 4 | 84 |
| " 1860 " " " 1870 | . | . | . | 146 | 6 | 140 |
| " 1870 " " " 1881 | . | . | . | 71 | — | 71 |
| Totals | . | . | . | 567 | 186 | 381 |

It will be observed that this aggregate exceeds the highest numbered Warrant issued. One Warrant did not receive a number and nine others were duplicated.

At the close of the year 1880 there were 379 Lodges on the register; two of these, 556 and 557, had been

but recently constituted. In the remaining 377 there were enrolled 34,836 members.

TABLE

Showing the number of Lodges and members in each county, the number of Lodges and members and the average membership to each Lodge in the several Districts and in the whole State on December 27th, 1880 :

| | No. of Lodges. | No. of Lodges in Dist. | No. of Mem- bers. | No. of Mem- bers in Dist. | Average Mem- bership. |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| I. | | | | | |
| Philadelphia, | 64 | 64 | 11,586 | 11,586 | 181.03 |
| II. | | | | | |
| Bucks, | 4 | | 440 | | |
| Montgomery, | 8 | | 859 | | |
| Chester, | 12 | | 888 | | |
| Delaware, | 4 | | 447 | | |
| York, | 4 | | 217 | | |
| Lancaster, | 8 | 40 | 758 | 3609 | 90.22 |
| III. | | | | | |
| Dauphin, | 4 | | 373 | | |
| Lebanon, | 1 | | 147 | | |
| Berks, | 9 | | 1131 | | |
| Schuylkill, | 12 | | 1064 | | |
| Lehigh, | 5 | | 340 | | |
| Northampton, | 5 | | 488 | | |
| Carbon, | 1 | | 102 | | |
| Monroe, | 1 | | 118 | | |
| Pike, | 1 | 39 | 47 | 3810 | 97.69 |
| IV. | | | | | |
| Northumberland, | 7 | | 398 | | |
| Columbia, | 4 | | 273 | | |
| Montour, | 2 | | 127 | | |
| Sullivan, | 1 | | 41 | | |
| Bradford, | 8 | | 641 | | |
| Susquehanna, | 7 | | 437 | | |
| Luzerne, | 13 | | 912 | | |
| Lackawanna, | 10 | | 868 | | |
| Wayne, | 5 | | 298 | | |
| Wyoming, | 4 | 61 | 233 | 4228 | 69.31 |

| | No. of Lodges. | No. of Lodges in Dist. | No. of Mem- bers. | No. of Mem- bers in Dist. | Average Mem- bership. |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| V. | | | | | |
| Adams, | 2 | | 88 | | |
| Cumberland, | 5 | | 310 | | |
| Perry, | 3 | | 141 | | |
| Juniata, | 2 | | 79 | | |
| Snyder, | 1 | | 82 | | |
| Union, | 2 | | 89 | | |
| Franklin, | 3 | | 139 | | |
| Bedford, | 3 | | 113 | | |
| Somerset, | 2 | | 106 | | |
| Cambria, | 3 | | 194 | | |
| Blair, | 5 | | 340 | | |
| Huntingdon, | 1 | | 125 | | |
| Mifflin, | 3 | | 149 | | |
| Centre, | 3 | | 204 | | |
| Clearfield, | 3 | 41 | 156 | 2315 | 56.46 |
| VI. | | | | | |
| McKean, | 4 | | 239 | | |
| Elk, | 1 | | 136 | | |
| Cameron, | 2 | | 112 | | |
| Potter, | 1 | | 67 | | |
| Clinton, | 2 | | 200 | | |
| Tioga, | 7 | | 230 | | |
| Lycoming, | 5 | 22 | 356 | 1340 | 60.91 |
| VII. | | | | | |
| Erie, | 11 | | 765 | | |
| Crawford, | 8 | | 699 | | |
| Warren, | 4 | | 277 | | |
| Mercer, | 6 | | 401 | | |
| Venango, | 5 | 34 | 365 | 2507 | 73.74 |
| VIII. | | | | | |
| Lawrence, | 2 | | 185 | | |
| Beaver, | 6 | | 327 | | |
| Butler, | 3 | | 164 | | |
| Clarion, | 4 | | 245 | | |
| Jefferson, | 3 | | 171 | | |
| Armstrong, | 4 | 22 | 198 | 1290 | 58.64 |
| IX. | | | | | |
| Indiana, | 3 | | 119 | | |
| Washington, | 8 | | 326 | | |
| Westmoreland, | 4 | | 246 | | |
| Fayette, | 5 | | 262 | | |
| Greene, | 4 | 24 | 106 | 1059 | 44.12 |

| | No. of Lodges. | No. of Lodges in Dist. | No. of Mem- bers. | No. of Mem- bers in Dist. | Average Mem- bership. |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| X. | | | | | |
| Allegheny : | | | | | |
| Pittsburgh, | 13 | | 1817 | | |
| Allegheny City, | 7 | | 740 | | |
| Rural, | 10 | 30 | 535 | 3092 | 103.07 |
| Totals | 377 | 377 | 34,836 | 34,836 | 92.40 |

[NOTE.—These districts have no *Masonic* significance. The divisions are arbitrary, and were adopted as a matter of convenience in arranging the counties.]

Two counties only, Forest and Fulton, are without Masonic organizations.

LITERATURE.

The first Masonic publication in America was Brother Benjamin Franklin's reprint of "Anderson's Constitutions" in 1734. The first periodical devoted to Craft literature entitled *The Freemason's Magazine and General Miscellany*, was commenced in this city in March, 1811. The editor was the Rev. George Richards, and publisher, Thomas S. Manning. A large magazine, it was edited with such ability as to command the endorsement and secure the patronage of the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Maryland.

The Keystone, commenced in this city, July 20th, 1867, is the chief medium for the dissemination of the news of the Craft. Its weekly visits are welcomed in many Masonic homes. The ability, dignity and dis-

crimination shown in its management, have won it many lasting friends within and without our borders.

THE ANTI-MASONIC CRUSADE.

When the first century of Masonry in Pennsylvania was nearing completion, and the Craft had extended its lines into every quarter of the State, and enrolled on its lists of membership many of the brightest and best of our people, an event occurred that was seized upon by its enemies and the "place-hunter" in politics to excite public prejudice against the Fraternity.

William Morgan, a native of Culpeper county, Virginia, a bricklayer and stonemason by trade, who had fallen into dissolute habits, was residing, in the year 1826, in Batavia, Genesee county, New York. In September of that year, he was arrested for debt and committed to the county jail at Canandaigua. On the 12th he was liberated, and disappearing immediately thereafter, it was boldly charged that he was abducted by members of the Fraternity for the publication of a pretended *Exposition* of Masonry.

Those anti-Masons whose zeal had reached the degree of fanaticism, publicly asserted that Morgan had been murdered, but the most thorough judicial investigation failed to find a particle of evidence upon which such an accusation could be founded.

His disappearance would naturally astonish his neighbors and excite comment. Before the excitement was permitted to abate, charges of abduction and

murder were made in the cross-roads tavern, in the pulpit and the press; political organizations were formed and conventions called to protest against and resist the election of Masons to office. The contagion spread from town to town, with an occasional sporadic case, until, in 1828, the anti-Masonic party of the State of New York, placed in nomination a candidate for Governor who mustered 33,345 votes in a poll of over 276,000.

The next year the agitation reached Pennsylvania, and in June a convention was held and a candidate for Governor nominated. None of the principles of government were discussed or proclaimed in the resolves; one idea only pervaded the proceedings, and that was hostility to Masonry. The following extract from one of the reports adopted will indicate the temper of the convention :

“That they do not view the evil tendencies resulting from speculative Freemasonry as confined to any particular section of the Union, but as opposed to the civil liberties of the country generally, and destructive to that equality which should be the most interesting and striking feature of a republican government. Its power, and the effects of that power to these United States, ought, therefore, to excite the most vigilant and anxious solicitude, not only of a few, but of all the States composing this vast and growing confederacy.”

Measures were taken to establish party papers and

disseminate anti-Masonic intelligence. Then followed a bitter and relentless persecution. Masonic bodies were composed of men of opposite political views. The weak and wavering abandoned their faith as the contest waxed warmer, and the faithful were solidified in breasting the approaching storm. In a county that in 1828 had recorded a majority of 1677 for Andrew Jackson, a Mason, the anti-Masonic candidate for Governor led his opponent by 1304 votes. Similar revolutions swept other counties, yet he was not chosen.

In 1832 the anti-Masonic party made a second unsuccessful effort to elect a Governor. They also nominated a candidate for President of the United States. The dominant party in the State became divided in 1835, by running two candidates for Governor. The nominee of the anti-Masons, twice before rejected by the people, received a plurality of votes and was inaugurated. In an address delivered on being inducted into office, he said: "The people have willed the destruction of all secret societies, and that will cannot be disregarded." On the 3d of December, the House of Representatives appointed a committee to investigate the evils of Freemasonry. This committee, whose chairman and chief inquisitor-general was a rejected applicant for membership in one of the Pennsylvania Lodges, summoned a large number of eminent citizens, members of the Fraternity, as witnesses. Among them were: Ex-Governor Wolf, George M. Dallas, Tristram B. Freeman, Samuel H. Perkins, Joseph R. Chandler,

Josiah Randall, Francis R. Shunk, John M. Read, James Page, Rev. William T. Sproul, and others. Governor Wolf responded on the 11th of January, 1836, to the subpoena by a written protest against the authority assumed by the committee to compel him to appear before them and testify, and said: "I am constrained by principles coeval with civil liberty itself, to question the power claimed, as in direct contravention of constitutional rights, and an infringement of principles on which rest the foundations of American liberty." The next day, a resolution was offered in the House, authorizing the issue of attachments to compel the attendance of the Ex-Governor and other delinquent witnesses. On the 13th the resolution was adopted, and on the 21st the Sergeant-at-arms reported that he had the witnesses in custody at the bar of the House. Here, again, upon being severally called upon, they refused to be sworn. Mr. Dallas, in his manly and dignified protest, said: "I am a member of the Society of Freemasons. * * * I will not consent to hold my rights and liberties of private intercourse, private sentiment, and private business, subject to the domiciliary visitations, the changeable majority, or the ideal policy of any body of men whatever."

Astounded at this manifestation of moral heroism and personal integrity on the part of the witnesses whom they expected to frighten into a revelation of the secrets of Freemasonry, the inquisitorial committee began to quail in view of their violation of the supreme

law of the Commonwealth, and the investigation from which great results were expected, was prosecuted no further. The recalcitrant witnesses were remanded to the custody of the Sergeant-at-arms, and soon after permitted to return to their homes.

The Governor, still laboring under the hallucination that Freemasonry was an institution dangerous to the liberties of the country, inspired possibly by the power behind the throne, in his message of December 6th, 1836, uttered a general denunciation of its principles and policy as well as of all other secret societies of which he said "Freemasonry is the fruitful mother." He again presented the matter to the Legislature for its action; his recommendations were not heeded, the storm abated, common sense resumed its sway, and proscriptive political anti-Masonry now lives only in history.

Through such ordeals did our fathers of the Craft pass. It is not, then, a matter of surprise that during the prevalence of this war of proscription, the Craft languished; Lodges were decimated of members from reasons of fear or policy, and many Lodges were closed.

Although during these times, Masons in Pennsylvania were proscribed in business and politics, and many subjected to inquisitorial tortures—some renounced and others withdrew—yet no one was found in this jurisdiction so far lacking moral principle as to reveal the inner work of the Craft.

MARCH.

"Coronation," *Meyerbeer.*

The music was provided and arranged by, and was under the direction of Brother AARON R. TAYLOR, of Lodge No. 436, by special appointment, assisted by the *Germania Orchestra*, Bro. Wm. Stoll, Jr., and an efficient corps of distinguished professional and amateur singers.

GRAND LODGE PENNA. F. & A. M.

— H. D. 1882, - H. L. 5882 —

Banquet in Commemoration of the
 SESQUI-CENTENNIAL
 OF THE
 GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M.
 OF PENNSYLVANIA.

M E N U .

Little Neck Clams.

Latour Blanche.

Ox Tail and Asparagus.

Sherry.

Sheeps Head, Sauce Piquante. Latour Blanche. Cucumber Salad.

Sweet Bread Patté.

Filet of Beef with Mushroom Sauce. Geisler, Roderer & Jaunay.
Cauliflower. Potatoes. Asparagus.

Chicken Croquettes.

Green Peas.

Lobster Cutlets.

Devilled Crabs.

Roman Punch. Cigarettes.

Green Turtle, Terrapin Style.

Teal Duck.

Saratoga Potatoes.

Burgundy.

Dressed Lettuce.

Cheese and Crackers.

Strawberries, Ice Cream, Meringues.

Fancy Cakes.

Coffee.

Fruit.

Liqueurs.

Cigars.

TOASTS.

1. **THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.**—Though a century and a half since it first had life, it defies the scythe, and the sands in the hour glass of Time. Responded to by R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. Hon. Richard Vaux.
2. **FREEMASONRY.**—It belongs to neither age nor epoch, is older than History, and speaks its own language, for its foundations are laid on Truth. Responded to by Bro. Hon. George S. Graham, Senior Grand Deacon.

MUSIC.

3. **SISTER GRAND LODGES.**—Suns at high meridian in the Masonic firmament. Responded to by M. W. Bro. Thomas Vincent, Grand Master of Rhode Island.
4. **OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.**—Brethren, never strangers in a Fraternity which proclaims a Brotherhood with all its initiates. They honor us by their presence, and we welcome them. Responded to by M. W. Bro. John S. Tyson, Grand Master of Maryland.
5. **THE ORATORS OF THIS ANNIVERSARY.**—Their eloquence, sound Masonic teachings, devotion to the Craft, and high personal and Masonic characters, mark them as workmen, who, having earned their day's wages, will not go away dissatisfied. Responded to by Bro. Hon. Pearson Church.

MUSIC.

6. **THE LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY.**—Stumbling blocks to the unbeliever, and foolishness to those who think they are wiser than wisdom. Responded to by Bro. Henry M. Dechert.
7. **THE THREE DEGREES,** golden silence, cheerful obedience and devotion to all the virtues of the Master Mason. Responded to by Bro. Gen. George R. Snowden.

8. **THE MASON AND THE CITIZEN.**—They alike conform to the laws of their country, submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature, and respect the civil authority. Responded to by Bro. J. P. S. Gobin.

MUSIC.

9. **MASONIC LAW**, ordained and preserved by the traditions of the Fraternity. It is without precedent, save its own, and follows no example. Responded to by R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. Samuel C. Perkins.
10. **MASONIC WORK.**—It forms the character, shapes the life, and finishes the labor of the Freemason, and fits the soul for immortality.

MUSIC.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, September 6, A.D. 1882, A.L. 5882.

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PRESENT:

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| Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, | - - | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | - | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> |
| " JOSEPH EICHBAUM, | - | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i> |
| " THOS. R. PATTON, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, | - - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " CHARLES H. KINGSTON, | | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " OSCAR R. MEYERS, | - | <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| " JAMES S. BARBER, | - | <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| " JOHN S. J. McCONNELL, | } | <i>Grand Chaplains.</i> |
| " A. V. C. SCHENCK, | | |
| " CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, | } | <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| " FRED. H. KELLER, | | |
| " JOHN M. CLAPP, | | |
| " JAMES R. BARBER, | | |
| " THOMAS S. WOODBURY, | } | <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| " SAMUEL W. BROADBENT, | | |
| " GEORGE W. WOOD, | - | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| " LOUIS M. CHASTEAU, | - | <i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i> |
| " HENRY H. HAYNES, | - | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| " HARRISON G. CLARK, | - | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |

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| Bro. JOHN THOMSON, - - - | } | <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i> |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | | |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.</i> |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, - | | |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i> |
| " MICHAEL ARNOLD, - | | |
| " CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i> |
| " AUGUSTUS R. HALL, - | | |
| " CHARLES E. MEYER, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i> |
| " JOHN CURTIS, - - - | | |
| " Wm. B. HACKENBURG, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.</i> |
| " E. HARPER JEFFRIES, - | | |
| " PEARSON CHURCH, - - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i> |
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| | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i> |
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| | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i> |
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| | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.</i> |
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| | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.</i> |
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| | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.</i> |
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Eighty-six Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock 15 minutes, P. M.

A circular letter was received from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Utah. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, when on motion it was

Resolved, That the Report be accepted and resolution adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, September 6th, 1882—A. L. 5882.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge.

In the matter of the appeal of ——— from the action of ——— Lodge No. ———.

The record in this case deserves commendation for its completeness and accuracy, and it is due to the Secretary of Lodge No. ——— that he should be thus commended for his care and attention to the matter. The charge against the appellant was carefully and orderly tried. But the record, full and complete as it is, does not set forth any Masonic offence. The right of a member of a Lodge to use the black ball according to his own conscience cannot be questioned. His use of it cannot be made the subject of a charge against him, for which he can be suspended or expelled. However puerile or unjust the reason he consents voluntarily to give for its use, may appear to others, if to him it was regarded as his duty as a Master Mason, he is protected in its use.

It is too late to question this principle. The Grand Lodge has ordained it, Ahiman Rezon, Article XVII, Section 65, page 62. The reason for the use of the black ball cannot be extorted from a member; he is not to be inquired of for his reasons. If he voluntarily gives his reasons the Lodge is not the judge of their soundness, propriety or justice. The conscience of the Master Mason is the only standard by which he is to be guided in his action, and this is exempt from Lodge inquiry and action.

The Committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of ——— from the action of ——— Lodge, No. ——— in suspending him be sustained.

For the Committee,

WM. B. HACKENBURG.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, when on motion it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted and resolution adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, September 6th, 1882—A. L. 5882.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

In the matter of the appeal of ——— from the action of ——— Lodge, No. ———.

This case must be decided by the same principle that rules the appeal of ———, just decided.

The appellant was charged and tried for using the black ball. This is not an offence for which a member can be charged, tried and punished according to the well established principles of Masonic jurisprudence.

The Committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appeal of ——— from the action of ——— Lodge, No. ——— be sustained.

For the Committee,

WM. B. HACKENBURG.

The Grand Secretary stated that the Ahiman Rezon required him to report at this Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge the number of members belonging to each Subordinate Lodge, and the initiations, admissions, &c., during the preceding year, but that he had found many differences between the returns of the Lodges, and the records of the Grand Lodge, which he was trying to have corrected. That there were still many Lodges to be adjusted, they having failed to complete their returns, and that it was impossible to make a just and true report as to the facts and figures at this time; and asked that the

time for presenting said report be extended to the Quarterly Communication in December next, which was granted.

A missive was received and read from Most Worshipful Brother COOTE M. CHAMBERS, Grand Master of Masons in the Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, appointing Brother Hon. PEARSON CHURCH the Representative of that Grand Lodge near the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. When on motion the missive was received, and Brother Hon. PEARSON CHURCH was acknowledged as the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia near this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock 15 minutes, P. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, Dec. 6th, A. D. 1882, A. L. 5882.

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PRESENT:

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| Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
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| " OSCAR R. MEYERS, | - | <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| " HENRY S. GETZ, | - | } <i>Grand Chaplains.</i> |
| " EDGAR M. LEVY, D.D. | | |
| " A. V. C. SCHENCK, D.D. | | |
| " WILLIAM B. WOOD, D.D. | | |
| " JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D. | | |
| " B. FRANK BRENNEMAN, | | } <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| " JOHN G. BOBB, | - | |
| " CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, | | |
| " ASA B. STEVENS, | - | |
| " ROBERT H. LERCH, | | |
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| " JOHN P. CLARK, | - | |
| " ALEX. M. LLOYD, | - | |

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| " MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, - - - | |
| " IRVIN MCFARLAND, | |
| " GETER C. SHIDLE, - | |
| " WM. B. MEREDITH, | |
| " CHAS. W. MACKEY, | |
| " JAMES R. BARBER, | |
| " GEORGE A. JENKS, - | } <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| " JAMES BARTON, JR., | |
| " LAIRD H. BARBER, | |
| " REECE W. BARNES, | |
| " JOHN J. WADSWORTH, | |
| " ELBERT P. JONES, - | |
| " THADDEUS S. ADLE, | |
| " JOHN H. DUSENBURY. | |
| " SAMUEL L. FRENCH, - | |
| " CHARLES L. WHEELER, | |
| " SPENCER C. GILBERT, | |
| " FRANK C. HEADMAN, | |
| " GEORGE W. WOOD, - | |
| " LOUIS M. CHASTEAU, | |
| " HENRY H. HAYNES, - | |
| " WILLIAM A. SINN, | |
| " JOHN THOMSON, - | } <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| " RICHARD VAUX, - | |
| " ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, | |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, | |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | |
| " SAMUEL B. DICK, - | } <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i> |
| " RICHARD VAUX, - | |
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| | } <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, Alabama, Texas, Minnesota, Washington Ter- ritory, and Colon and Cuba.</i> |

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| BRO. ROBT. A. LAMBERTON, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.</i> |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Louisiana.</i> |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Caro- lina.</i> |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i> |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i> |
| " MICHAEL ARNOLD, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i> |
| " CLIFFORD P. MAC- CALLA, - - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.</i> |
| " AUGUSTUS R. HALL, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i> |
| " CHARLES E. MEYER, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i> |
| " JOHN CURTIS, - - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i> |
| " WM. B. HACKENBURG, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Is- land, &c.</i> |
| " E. HARPER JEFFRIES, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.</i> |
| " J. PARKER MARTIN, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.</i> |
| " JAMES W. ROBINS, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.</i> |
| " HEXT M. PERRY, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Caro- lina.</i> |

Two hundred and thirty-two Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock 20 minutes, A. M.

This being the time designated by the Ahiman Rezon for the election of Officers and Trustees to serve the ensuing Masonic year, commencing on St. John's Day next, the Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint tellers, who having reported, the Right Worshipful Grand Master declared the following Brethren duly elected :

R. W. Grand Master,

Brother CONRAD B. DAY.

(In place of R. W. Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, who declined a re-election.)

R. W. Deputy Grand Master,

Brother E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,

R. W. Senior Grand Warden,

Brother JOSEPH EICHBAUM.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden,

Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA.

R. W. Grand Treasurer,

Brother THOMAS R. PATTON.

R. W. Grand Secretary,

Brother MICHAEL NISBET.

Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

Brother JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,
 “ DANIEL BRITTAIN,
 “ EDWARD STRICKLAND,
 “ SAMUEL R. BRICK,
 “ JOSEPH T. THOMAS.

Trustees Girard Bequest.

Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
 “ GEORGE THOMSON,
 “ CHARLES M. PREVOST,
 “ HENRY C. HOWELL,
 “ JACOB ROBERTS.

An Appeal from Brother ————— from the action of Lodge, No. —, in suspending him from said Lodge for un-Masonic conduct was received and referred to Committee on Appeals.

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A Petition for a Warrant for a Lodge to be held in Hellertown, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, was received, and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, which was, on motion, accepted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

BRETHREN :—The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund submit the following statement as the financial operation of the Trust for the fiscal year ending November 15th, 1882 :

1881.

Nov. 15, Balance on hand as per report, - \$1,345 24

1882.

Mar. 2, Received interest on \$69,700 Masonic
Loan, - - - - - 1,742 50

Sept. 1, Received interest on \$70,000 Masonic
Loan, - - - - - 1,750 00

Nov. 8, Received interest on Deposits from Fi-
delity Insurance Trust Company, - 37 47

Total, - - - - - \$4,875 21

Jan. 14, Paid Almoners Grand Lodge
Charity Fund, - - - \$800 00

Apr. 14, Paid Almoners Grand Lodge
Charity Fund, - - - 300 00

June 6, Paid for Certificates of \$300
Masonic Loan, - - - 338 25

July 11, Paid Almoners Grand Lodge
Charity Fund, - - - 700 00

Oct. 10, Paid Almoners Grand Lodge
Charity Fund, - - - 1,100 00

Oct. 31, Paid for carriage for funeral
Brother Geo. Griscom, - 4 50

3,242 75

Balance on deposit with Fidelity Ins. Trust and
Safe Deposit Company, - - - - \$1,632 46

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| The invested Fund as per report, | | |
| of Nov. 15, 1881, was | - | \$69,700 00 |
| Purchased during the year certificates | | |
| of Masonic Loan, for | - - - | 300 00 |

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| Making total invested, | - | \$70,000 00 |
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all of which is in Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, as per exhibit annexed.

Since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge the Trust has lost one of its members by the decease of Brother George Griscom, who departed this life, October 14th, and was buried at North Laurel Hill, the Trustees attending the funeral.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,
DANIEL BRITTAIN,
EDWARD STRICKLAND.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1882.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GIRARD BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report, when, on motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, that they have received during the fiscal year ending November 15, 1882:

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| From Interest on Investments, | - - | \$3,128 00 |
| “ “ Deposits, | - - | 7 69 |
| | | <u>\$3,135 69</u> |
| Balance of Principal of Bond and Mortgage of | | |
| Sunbury Masonic Hall Association, | - - | 900 00 |
| To which add balance November 15th, 1881, per | | |
| Report of Finance Committee, | - - - | 703 33 |
| | | <u>\$4,739 02</u> |

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| They have paid during the same period on Orders for the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, - - - - - | \$3000 00 |
| And for acknowledgment of Power of Attorney to satisfy Sunbury Masonic Hall Association, Mortgage, - - - | 1 50 |
| | <hr/> 3,001 50 |

Leaving a balance Nov. 15, 1882, - \$1,737 52
On deposit in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on
Lives and Granting Annuities, at one per cent.

Their accounts with the securities of the Trust have been
examined by the Finance Committee and found correct.

There has been no change in the investments since the
date of the last Report except that the balance of Bond
and Mortgage of Sunbury Masonic Hall Association,
amounting to \$900, has been paid off, and they are at the
close of the fiscal year, November 15, 1882, as follows:

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| Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, 5 per cent., | \$51,000 00 |
| Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.'s Loan of 1884, | 1,000 00 |
| “ “ “ “ Gold Loan, - | 8,000 00 |
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Making total investments at par value, - \$60,000 00

The securities are in the hands of the Chairman, and are
deposited in his box at the Fidelity Company.

The Trustees hope shortly to find a satisfactory invest-
ment for the \$1000 received from the Sunbury Masonic
Hall Association Mortgage.

The Trustees respectfully ask the adoption of the follow-
ing resolution:

“ *Resolved*, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and
the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards
of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, for the year ending
December, 1883, to be drawn for in the usual manner.”

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
HENRY C. HOWELL,
C. M. PREVOST,
JACOB ROBERTS,

DECEMBER 6, 1882.

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, when, on motion, the report was accepted and the resolutions thereto attached adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund," "Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund," "Trustees of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund," "Committee on Temple," and "Committee on Library," and found them correct and agreeing with their vouchers; also the securities held by each and found them correct. Their transactions will be fully set out in their several reports to the Grand Lodge.

They also examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and found them correct, and show as follows :

The accounts of the Grand Secretary show :

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| For Dues, - - - - - | \$47,564 46 |
| " Initiations, - - - - - | 11,599 00 |
| " Ten per cents., - - - - - | 2,523 00 |
| " Masonic Rents, - - - - - | 33,444 11 |
| " Store Rents, Chestnut St. Hall, - | 7,145 00 |
| " Warrants, - - - - - | 800 00 |
| " Interest on Deposit, Grand Treasurer, - - - - - | \$344 09 |
| " Interest on Deposit, Grand Secretary, - - - - - | 43 98 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 388 07 |
| " Dispensations, - - - - - | 6,710 00 |
| " Ahiman Rezon, - - - - - | 212 00 |
| " Attests, - - - - - | 44 00 |
| " Grand Lodge Certificates, - - - | 96 00 |

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| For Real Estate. Received on account of purchase money of Chestnut Street Hall, - - - - | \$50,000 00 |
| “ Policies of Insurance on Chest- nut Street Hall, - - - - | 3,562 50 |
| “ Sale Old Material, - - - - | 10 00 |
| Balance November 15, 1881, - - - | 12,837 05 |
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| | \$176,935 19 |

PAYMENTS.

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|---|------------|
| Expenses Grand Master, - | \$2,062 20 |
| “ District Deputy Grand Master, - - - | 1,495 19 |
| Sinking Fund, - - - | 20,300 00 |
| Committee on Temple, - | 14,804 63 |
| Committee on Library, - | 300 00 |
| Masonic Temple 6 per cent. Redemption Loan, - | 150 00 |
| Sesqui-Centennial Celebra- tion, - - - - | 4,680 00 |
| For Interest due March 1st, 1882, - - - | 31,987 50 |
| “ Interest due Septem- ber 1st, 1882, - - - | 31,987 50 |
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| | 63,975 00 |
| “ Salaries of Grand Offi- cers, - - - - | 5,483 33 |
| “ Expenses Grand Lodge: | |
| Stationery, Books, Postage, Printing, &c., - - - - | 457 14 |
| Grand Lodge Pro- ceedings for 1881, - | 637 31 |
| Altering Plate, Print- ing and Binding Ahiman Recons, - | 200 00 |

For Expenses Grand
Lodge :

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| Frame for Resolution of Past Grand Master, - - | \$50 00 | |
| Expenses Junior Grand Warden, - | 163 95 | |
| Clothing for District Deputy Grand Master, &c., - - | 17 25 | |
| Expenses Election in December, - - | 31 50 | |
| Donation to Russian Refugees, - - | 300 00 | |
| Donation to Sufferers at Explosion at Chester, Pa., - | 300 00 | |
| Donation to Family of a Past Grand Master, - - | 200 00 | |
| Chestnut Street Hall, Taxes, - - | \$3,405 12 | |
| Less returned by Wm. M. Singerly, - - | 898 57 | |
| | <u>2,506 55</u> | |
| Water Rent, - - | 62 00 | |
| Returned by Wm. M. Sing- erly, - \$11.87, and Winches- ter & Co., \$17.00, - - | 28 87 | |
| | <u>33 13</u> | |
| Repairs, - - | 313 76 | |
| | <u>\$5,210 59</u> | |
| | | <u>\$118,460 94</u> |
| Balance November 15th, 1882, - - - | | \$58,474 25 |

Which amount agrees with the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer.

The accounts of the Grand Secretary for the sale of Dispensations, &c., show :

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| Dispensations, Enter, Pass and Raise, | - | \$30 | 00 |
| “ Pass and Raise, | - | 80 | 00 |
| “ Raise, | - | 60 | 00 |
| “ Pass to Chair, | - | 2,060 | 00 |
| | | | <hr/> \$2,230 00 |
| Ahiman Rezons, | - | 212 | 00 |
| Grand Lodge Certificates, | - | 96 | 00 |
| Attests, | - | 44 | 00 |
| | | | <hr/> \$2,582 00 |

which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The account of the Grand Secretary for the payment of the Masonic Temple Redemption 6 per cent. Loan, show :

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| Amount due November 15th, 1881, | - | \$450 | 00 |
| Paid since, | - | 150 | 00 |
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| Leaving a balance uncalled for Nov. 15th, 1882, | | \$300 | 00 |
| Amount of Interest November 15th, 1881, on 6 per | | | |
| cent. Loan, | - | \$117 | 11 |
| Paid since, | - | 16 | 50 |
| | | | <hr/> \$100 61 |

We have examined the transfer of Bonds and compared the same with the Bond Ledger and found them correct.

The Grand Secretary furnished the Committee, with a Balance Sheet of the affairs of the Grand Lodge on the 15th day of November, 1882.

Your Committee present the following estimated receipts and expenditures for the year 1883.

RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
|--------------|---|----------|----|
| Dues, | - | \$48,000 | 00 |
| Initiations, | - | 10,000 | 00 |

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|------------|--------------|
| Ten per cents., | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$2,000 00 |
| Masonic Rents, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 25,000 00 |
| Dispensations, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,000 00 |
| Due by Lodges, &c., for Dues and Masonic Rents : | | | | | | | |
| Dues, | - | - | - | - | - | \$6,458 50 | |
| Masonic Rents, | - | - | - | - | - | 9,048 67 | |
| | | | | | | <hr/> | \$15,507 17 |
| Warrants, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 400 00 |
| Cash on hand November 15th, 1882, | - | | | | | | 58,474 25 |
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| | | | | | | | \$165,381 42 |

PAYMENTS.

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| Interest on Loan, | - | | \$63,975 00 |
| Due on Masonic Redemp- tion Loan, 6 per cent., not called for, | - | | 300 00 |
| Expenses Grand Master, | - | | 2,000 00 |
| Expenses District Deputy Grand Masters, | - | | 1,500 00 |
| Expenses Grand Lodge: | | | |
| Printing, including Grand Lodge Proceedings, &c., | | | 1,500 00 |
| Stationery, Books, Post- age, &c., | - | - | 500 00 |
| Temple Committee, | - | | 15,000 00 |
| Library Committee, | - | | 350 00 |
| Salaries : | | | |
| Grand Treasurer, - | - | \$200 00 | |
| Grand Secretary, - | - | 2,000 00 | |
| Chief Clerk to Grand Secretary, - | - | 1,200 00 | |
| Clerk to Grand Secre- tary, - | - | 1,000 00 | |
| Clerk to Committee on Finance, - | - | 400 00 | |
| Clerk to Grand Master, | | 500 00 | |

Expenses Grand Lodge :

Salaries :

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|---|----------|---------------------|
| Grand Tyler, - - | \$150 00 | |
| | | \$5,450 00 |
| Due to Lodges, - - | | 810 15 |
| Balance due Sinking Fund, . | | 4,000 00 |
| Appropriations to Sinking Fund, proceeds on account of sale Chestnut Street Hall, - - - | | 50,000 00 |
| Annual Appropriation to Sinking Fund, - | | 15,000 00 |
| For Transient Relief, - | | 200 00 |
| | | <u>\$160,585 15</u> |
| Leaving Balance, - - - - | | \$4,796 27 |

CHESTNUT STREET HALL.

We further report that the sale of the Chestnut Street Hall has been fully consummated, and we herewith present a statement of the settlement of the transaction with the purchaser :

Sept. 26.

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| Purchase money, - - - - - | \$225,000 00 |
| 3 months, 5 days' taxes, \$3,405.12, - - - | 898 57 |
| 3 " 5 " water rent, \$45.00, - - - | 11 87 |
| 11 days' rent of store, 713 Chestnut street, - - - - - | \$55 00 |
| 26 days' rent of store, 715 Chestnut street, - - - - - | 130 00 |
| 26 days' rent of store, 719 Chestnut street, - - - - - | 130 00 |
| 26 days' rent of store, 721 Chestnut street, - - - - - | 130 00 |
| | <u>445 00</u> |
| | <u>\$226,355 44</u> |

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| Cash paid on account on signing the agreement, - - - | \$5,000 00 | |
| Principal of Mortgage, part pur- chase-money, - - - | 175,000 00 | |
| Balance cash, - - - | 46,355 44 | |
| | <hr/> | \$226,355 44 |
| Premiums on 9 Policies of Insur- ance, - - - - - | \$3,750 00 | |
| Less withdrawal value, 5 per cent., - - - - - | 187 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,562 50 |
| Bill of Brother Horace Fritz, agent for the prop- erty, for general care and superintendence, col- lection of rents, arrangement of Insurances with the various companies, 9 in all, covering a period of over 9 years, - - - - - | | \$1,000 00 |
| Commission of 1 per cent. on \$225,000, - - - | | 2,250 00 |
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| | | \$3,250 00 |

This property has a history which cannot fail to interest every member of the Craft throughout our Jurisdiction. Your Committee beg the indulgence of the Grand Lodge, while we present a few brief extracts therefrom.

The lot of ground was purchased December 7th, 1807, at a cost of \$14,166.67, and the Hall was erected thereon, which was dedicated June 24th, 1811. The cost of the Hall amounted to \$67,850.67½; furniture and other expenses, \$4962.78. Total cost, \$86,980.12½.

The Hall was destroyed by fire, March 9th, 1819. The loss to the Craft was great and disheartening. Notwithstanding the distress and confusion, into which the Craft were thrown by reason of their loss, together with the loss of all the old books and papers of historical data, an enthusiasm was infused into the Brethren, and the lively interest manifested by the public at large, the Craft resolved to make immediate

preparation for re-building the Hall. On the report of the Committee appointed for the purpose of examining the walls, who reported them perfectly good, immediate steps were taken to rebuild, and November 1st, 1820, twenty months after the fire, the reconstructed Hall was dedicated with the customary ceremonies of the Craft, over one thousand Masons being in line of procession.

The cost of rebuilding the Hall, and additional house in the rear, and the gas house, was \$55,333.05. The gas house was destroyed by fire December 20th, 1820, and was afterwards rebuilt and it is said supplied the Chestnut Street Theatre with gas, the first illuminating gas used in this city. The first Sunday School in Philadelphia was organized in this building.

About the year 1827, the anti-Masonic excitement began, at first in a small way, but later it swept through the country like a tempest. In Pennsylvania the storm was exceedingly violent, but thanks to Bros. GEORGE M. DALLAS, SAMUEL H. PERKINS, JAMES PAGE, SAMUEL BADGER, and other brave Masonic spirits, who in spite of persecution and threats of imprisonment, when summoned to the State Legislature to testify against Freemasonry, promptly denied the authority of the Legislature over our institution, for which refusal they were arrested and placed in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms. After five days' detention they were discharged, and thus ended the anti-Masonic inquisition.

In 1835, the Committee on Finance recommended to the Grand Lodge, to sell their real estate on Chestnut street, pay their debts, and with the balance purchase a hall amply large for all the purposes of Masonry, the remainder of the proceeds of the sale to be applied to found a fund for charity.

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| The assets then were | - | - | - | - | - | \$131,362 50 |
| The debts | " | - | - | - | - | 66,258 83 |
| Leaving a fund of | - | - | - | - | - | <u>\$65,103 67</u> |

June, 1835, in accordance with their suggestions the Hall was sold to the Franklin Institute for \$110,550, \$25,000 cash was paid on account, the balance, \$85,550 left on bond and mortgage.

The Washington Hall, situated on Third street, near Spruce street, was purchased for \$25,000, and it was dedicated December 28th, 1835 ; twenty Lodges were represented on that occasion.

During the occupancy of that Hall the Craft increased rapidly in membership and finances, and necessitated more spacious accommodations for the Lodges.

The Franklin Institute, the purchaser of the Chestnut Street Hall, not being able to make their payments as agreed upon, in September, 1841, transferred to the Grand Lodge all their right, title and interest in the property for their indebtedness then due, amounting to \$85,000, the Grand Lodge having realized \$25,000 by the transaction.

The rapid increase in membership during that period, induced the Committee on Finance, in 1852, to report to the Grand Lodge, that Washington Hall was totally inadequate for the purposes intended. Upon a report submitted by a committee of thirteen, it was resolved to erect a new Hall on the Chestnut street lot, the building to be of the Gothic order and of brown stone.

The corner-stone was laid by the Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Officers, the Building Committee and the Craft on the 21st of November, 1853. The erection of the new Hall progressed rapidly under the direction of the Building and Furnishing Committees, and was dedicated September 26th, 1855, with full Masonic ceremonies, on which occasion over four thousand Brethren marched in procession.

The public ceremonies were held in Independence Square. Brother JAMES KING, of Pittsburgh, was the orator on that occasion, after which the Grand Lodge marched to the new Hall, when it was dedicated to the glory of God, and Masonic purposes.

The cost of the Hall was, for building, \$131,514.13 ; for furnishing, \$39,294.10 ; incidentals for dedication, etc., \$12,519.80, making a total cost of \$183,328.03.

Our fondest memories cling to the old cradle of Freemasonry.

We offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the cash proceeds from the sale of the Chestnut Street Hall, amounting to \$50,000, together with the Bond and Mortgage of \$175,000, be applied to the Sinking Fund.

Resolved, That Brothers HENRY M. PHILLIPS, Past Grand Master ; CHARLES GILPIN, HENRY M. DECHERT, and HENRY C. HOWELL, Trustees, to whom the Bond and Mortgage was executed, be and are hereby authorized and directed to assign said Bond and Mortgage to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be and is hereby authorized and requested to draw his Warrants on the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer for the several appropriations for the year 1883.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. YEAGER,
JAMES HERDMAN,
E. HARPER JEFFRIES,
E. P. KINGSBURY,
AUGUSTUS R. HALL,

Committee.

DECEMBER 6th, 1882.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund made the following report, when, on motion, the report was accepted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund respectfully present their Ninth Annual Report :

The balance on hand November 15th, 1881, as appears by the Eighth Annual Report, presented to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, December 7, 1881, was - . - \$1,150 02

They have since received cash from Grand Treasurer on account of appropriation, - - - \$20,300 00

Interest on Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, - \$425 00

Interest on \$5000, West Penna. R. R. 6's, . - 140 00

Interest on Deposits, - 59 86

624 86

\$20,924 86

\$22,074 88

And there has been been paid :

1882.

March 25, For \$2500, Pitts. Ave.,
Bonds, @ 105½, - \$2,637 50

April 11, For \$2000 do., @ 105¾,
and int. (\$3.53), - 2,118 53

July 28, For \$5000, West. Penna.
R. R. 6's, @ 110, - 5,500 00

October 9, For \$6000, do., @ 107, 6,420 00

For Masonic Loan, 5 per cent.:

April 14, For \$1000 @ 110

May 17, For \$3000 @ 110

July 8, For \$100 @ 110

" 27, For \$500 @ 110, \$4600,
@ 110, - - 5,060 00

\$21,736 03

Less advanced interest, - - 3 53

Total for investments, - - - \$21,732 50

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Advanced interest, - - - | \$3 53 |
| Rent of Safe in Fidelity Co., - - | 10 00 |
| Balance November 15th, 1882, - | 328 85 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$22,074 88 |

The balance on November 15th, 1882, is on deposit to the credit of the Commissioners in the Fidelity Company at an interest of two per cent.

Their accounts to the close of the fiscal year, November 15th, 1882, with the securities of the Fund have been examined by the Finance Committee and found correct.

The Fund at the close of the fiscal year stood as follows :
Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, interest

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| March and September, at 5 per cent., - - | \$10,800 00 |
| Pittsburgh Ave. Bonds, 7's, int. April and Oct., | 4,500 00 |
| West. Penna. R. R. Bonds, 6's, do. | 11,000 00 |
| Cash, - - - - - | 328 85 |
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Making in all, - - - - - \$26,628 85

and showing an increase of \$19,278.83 over the amount at the close of the preceding fiscal year.

There have been no changes in the funds and investments during the intervening period, except the credit of \$157.50, six months' interest on \$4500, Pitts. Ave. 7's.

There is still due the Fund of appropriations made by Grand Lodge, \$4000.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commissioners.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

President.

DECEMBER 6th, 1882.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

The Committee on Temple made the following report, which was read, when, on motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 6th, 1882.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

SIRS AND BRETHREN:—The Committee on Temple respectfully report, that for the quarter ending November 15th ult., they have expended, as follows, viz. :

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Wages, - - - - - | \$1,380 80 |
| Gas, - - - - - | 458 20 |
| Ice, - - - - - | 40 95 |
| Fuel, - - - - - | 983 50 |
| Contingent Expenses, - - - - - | 447 16 |
| Total, - - - - - | <hr/> \$3,310 61 |
| And for the entire year, for | |
| Wages, - - - - - | \$6,410 58 |
| Gas, - - - - - | 3,006 60 |
| Ice, - - - - - | 141 87 |
| Fuel, - - - - - | 1,793 69 |
| Contingent Expenses, - - - - - | 3,187 89 |
| Water Rent. - - - - - | 166 00 |
| | <hr/> \$14,706 63 |

We would further report that, in our judgment, the time has arrived to place an *elevator* in this building.

We offer the following :

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000), or such part thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Temple Committee for the purpose of placing an elevator in this building.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM J. KELLY,
HIBBERT P. JOHN,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
GODFREY KEEBLER,
EDWARD MATTHEWS,

Committee on Temple.

The Grand Secretary reported that Lodges Nos. 399 and 418 reported at the June Communication as being suspended for want of returns as per Section 17, page 48, Ahiman Rezon, had since made their returns, and were revived as per Section 19, page 49, Ahiman Rezon.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was read, when, on motion, it was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following annual report of the Lodges, and Membership of this jurisdiction for the Masonic year ending December 27th, 1881:

| | | |
|---|-----------|--------|
| The number of Lodges December 27, 1881, were, | - | 377 |
| Admitted during the year, | - - - - - | 397 |
| Initiated " " " " " " | - - - - - | 1,439 |
| Suspended and expelled during the year, | - - - - - | 697 |
| Resigned during the year, | - - - - - | 378 |
| Died " " " " " " | - - - - - | 502 |
| Membership, | - - - - - | 35,073 |

Fraternally submitted,

MICHAEL NISBET,

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR 1881.

| NO. OF LODGE. | WHERE HELD. | TIME OF MEETING. | ADMISSIONS. | INITIATIONS. | SUSPENSIONS & EXPULSIONS. | RESIGNATIONS. | DEATHS. | TOTAL. |
|---------------|---------------------|--|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| 2 | Philadelphia..... | Third Monday..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 196 |
| 3 | Philadelphia..... | Third Tuesday..... | | 5 | 1 | | 7 | 177 |
| 9 | Philadelphia..... | First Friday | | 5 | 2 | | 5 | 178 |
| 19 | Philadelphia..... | First Thursday..... | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 250 |
| 21 | Harrisburg..... | Second Monday..... | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 178 |
| 22 | Sunbury..... | Evening of or after F. M.... | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 94 |
| 25 | Bristol..... | Saturday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 138 |
| 43 | Lancaster | Second Wednesday..... | 2 | 5 | 8 | | 2 | 260 |
| 45 | Pittsburgh..... | Last Wednesday | 6 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 196 |
| 51 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Thursday..... | | 1 | | 3 | 4 | 207 |
| 52 | Philadelphia..... | First Monday..... | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 164 |
| 59 | Philadelphia..... | Second Tuesday..... | 1 | 14 | | 1 | 5 | 377 |
| 60 | Brownsville..... | First Monday..... | | 2 | | | | 42 |
| 61 | Wilkesbarre | Monday on or before F. M... | | 3 | | | 2 | 132 |
| 62 | Reading | First Monday..... | | 5 | 6 | | 7 | 291 |
| 67 | Philadelphia..... | Second Friday..... | | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 175 |
| 70 | Athens | Tuesday on or bef. F. M. & 2d Tuesday following.... | 5 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 88 |
| 71 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Wednesday..... | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 183 |
| 72 | Philadelphia..... | Third Thursday..... | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 249 |
| 75 | Phoenixville | Saturday on or before F. M.. | | 5 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 141 |
| 81 | Philadelphia..... | Saturday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 4 | 75 |
| 91 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Monday..... | | 6 | | 1 | 5 | 187 |
| 106 | Williamsport | First Monday..... | 1 | 4 | | | 1 | 146 |
| 108 | Towanda..... | First and Third Wednesday. | | 7 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 184 |
| 114 | Philadelphia..... | Third Friday..... | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 215 |
| 115 | Philadelphia..... | Second Monday..... | 2 | 10 | | | 4 | 260 |
| 121 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 204 |
| 125 | Philadelphia..... | Second Wednesday..... | | 10 | 1 | | 9 | 246 |
| 126 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Monday..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 183 |
| 130 | Philadelphia..... | Third Wednesday..... | 3 | 3 | 4 | | 7 | 283 |
| 131 | Philadelphia..... | Second Monday..... | | | 4 | 2 | 1 | 93 |
| 134 | Philadelphia..... | Last week day night..... | | 11 | | 1 | 1 | 182 |
| 135 | Philadelphia..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M.. | 2 | 2 | | | 3 | 168 |
| 138 | Orwigsburg | Wednesday on or bef. F. M.. | | 1 | | | 1 | 54 |
| 143 | Chambersburg | Friday on or before F. M.... | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 83 |
| 144 | Lewisburg..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M.. | 2 | 4 | 1 | | | 63 |
| 152 | Easton | First Thursday after F. M. . | 1 | 9 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 188 |
| 153 | Waynesburg | Monday before F. M..... | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | 55 |
| 155 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Tuesday..... | 5 | 5 | 7 | | 12 | 296 |
| 156 | Drumore Centre..... | Saturday on or before F. M.. | | 3 | 6 | | | 87 |
| 158 | Philadelphia..... | First Tuesday..... | 2 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 396 |
| 163 | Monroeton | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 7 | | | | 48 |

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|---------------|---------------------|---|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| 164 | Washington..... | First and Third Monday.... | 4 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 54 |
| 186 | Philadelphia..... | Second Wednesday..... | | 3 | 3 | | 4 | 320 |
| 187 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | | 4 | 5 | | 7 | 214 |
| 190 | Norristown..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | 2 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 204 |
| 194 | Selin's Grove..... | Two evenings before F. M.. | | 2 | 9 | | | 75 |
| 197 | Carlisle..... | Second Tuesday..... | 1 | 3 | | | | 60 |
| 199 | Lock Haven..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | 6 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 147 |
| 203 | Lewistown..... | Second Tuesday..... | 1 | 1 | 7 | | 1 | 90 |
| 211 | Philadelphia..... | First Friday..... | | 4 | 6 | | 9 | 320 |
| 216 | Pottsville..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | | 1 | 17 | | 3 | 189 |
| 218 | Honesdale..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | 1 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | 126 |
| 219 | Pittsburgh..... | Second Thursday..... | 4 | 10 | | | 5 | 299 |
| 220 | Hollidaysburg..... | First Tuesday..... | 2 | 5 | | 1 | 2 | 59 |
| 221 | Pittsburgh..... | First and Third Thursday... | 1 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 207 |
| 222 | Minersville..... | Tuesday before F. M..... | | 1 | 6 | | 3 | 72 |
| 223 | Allegheny City..... | Second Monday..... | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 135 |
| 224 | Danville..... | First Tuesday..... | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 80 |
| 225 | Greensburg..... | Second Monday..... | | 4 | 3 | | 7 | 118 |
| 226 | Lebanon..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 4 | 142 |
| 227 | Reading..... | First Tuesday..... | 2 | 10 | | | 6 | 361 |
| 228 | Uniontown..... | Second Monday..... | 3 | 4 | | | 1 | 82 |
| 229 | Rochester..... | Friday on or before F. M... | 4 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 93 |
| 230 | Philadelphia..... | Second Wednesday..... | 1 | 4 | | | 2 | 238 |
| 231 | Pittsburgh..... | Third Friday..... | | 4 | 3 | | 2 | 82 |
| 232 | Jersey Shore..... | Friday before F. M..... | | 9 | | | | 60 |
| 233 | Pittston..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 146 |
| 234 | Meadville..... | First Thursday..... | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 110 |
| 236 | Chester..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | 6 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 184 |
| 237 | Beallsville..... | Wednesday before F. M.... | | | 4 | | 1 | 35 |
| 238 | Tamaqua..... | Friday on or before F. M... | 2 | 15 | 1 | | 1 | 139 |
| 240 | Montrose..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. and 2 weeks afterwards... | | 8 | | 1 | 2 | 150 |
| 241 | Warren..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | 2 | 7 | | 2 | 1 | 100 |
| 242 | Mauch Chunk..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | | 6 | | 1 | 3 | 104 |
| 243 | New Castle..... | Friday on or before F. M... | 2 | 5 | | 2 | | 95 |
| 244 | Kittanning..... | First Tuesday..... | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 82 |
| 245 | Doylestown..... | Friday on or before F. M... | | 3 | | 1 | | 179 |
| 246 | Philadelphia..... | Third Monday..... | 1 | 6 | 15 | 2 | 12 | 328 |
| 247 | Mansfield..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | 1 | | | | | 10 |
| 248 | Tunkhannock..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 109 |
| 249 | Carbondale..... | First Wednesday..... | | 4 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 137 |
| 250 | Sharon..... | First and Third Friday..... | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 | | 127 |
| 252 | Fayette City..... | Monday before F. M..... | | 6 | 3 | 1 | | 43 |
| 253 | Pittsburgh..... | Last Tuesday..... | | 4 | | 1 | 1 | 150 |
| 254 | Pottstown..... | Second Wednesday..... | | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 138 |
| 255 | Shamokin..... | Friday on or before F. M... | 2 | 6 | 7 | | 1 | 68 |
| 256 | Milton..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 56 |
| 258 | Conneautville..... | First and Third Monday.... | 1 | | 5 | 5 | 1 | 68 |
| 259 | New Brighton..... | First Tuesday..... | 5 | 2 | | | 4 | 43 |

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|---------------|-----------------------|---|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| 260 | Carlisle | Third Thursday..... | | 4 | | | | 84 |
| 261 | Providence..... | Fourth Thursday..... | 2 | | 5 | | | 73 |
| 262 | Orrstown..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | 28 |
| 263 | Laceyville..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 51 |
| 264 | Columbus | Thursday on or bef. F. M... | 1 | | | 1 | | 68 |
| 265 | Bloomsburg..... | Monday on or after F. M.... | 5 | 2 | | | 4 | 101 |
| 266 | York | First Tuesday aft. First Mon. | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | | 112 |
| 267 | Tremont..... | Saturday on or before F. M.. | | 7 | | | 2 | 94 |
| 268 | Bellefonte..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 103 |
| 269 | Birmingham | First and Third Friday..... | 1 | 5 | | 2 | 1 | 144 |
| 270 | Schuylkill Haven..... | Friday on or before F. M... | | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 61 |
| 271 | Philadelphia..... | First Monday..... | 1 | 4 | 2 | | 3 | 180 |
| 272 | Butler..... | First Wednesday..... | | | | 2 | | 57 |
| 273 | Ardmore..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | 6 | | 1 | 2 | 140 |
| 274 | Philadelphia | Fourth Tuesday..... | | 2 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 176 |
| 275 | Latrobe..... | First Monday..... | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 56 |
| 276 | Brookville..... | Second Monday..... | | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 98 |
| 277 | Clarion..... | First Monday..... | | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 104 |
| 278 | Johnstown..... | Second Tuesday..... | | 5 | | 2 | 1 | 99 |
| 281 | Altoona..... | Third Tuesday..... | | 4 | 4 | 1 | | 105 |
| 282 | Hollidaysburg..... | Monday on or after F. M. ... | | 5 | | 1 | 1 | 65 |
| 283 | Bethlehem..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M.. | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 103 |
| 284 | Catasauqua..... | Friday on or before F. M... | | 5 | | 4 | 3 | 79 |
| 285 | St. Clair..... | Tuesday before F. M..... | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 79 |
| 286 | Columbia..... | First Thursday..... | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 125 |
| 287 | Pittsburgh..... | Third Tuesday..... | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 250 |
| 288 | Allegheny City..... | First Wednesday..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | 74 |
| 289 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Friday..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 135 |
| 290 | Greenville | First and Third Monday.... | | 2 | | | 1 | 114 |
| 291 | Scranton | Third Friday..... | | 11 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 151 |
| 292 | Philadelphia..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 5 | | 1 | 5 | 263 |
| 294 | Ashland..... | Second Thursday..... | | 6 | | | 1 | 118 |
| 295 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Wednesday..... | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 230 |
| 296 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 153 |
| 297 | Canonsburg | Second and Fourth Monday. | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 39 |
| 298 | Media | Monday on or before F. M. ... | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | 81 |
| 299 | Muncy Borough..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | 1 | | 3 | | 1 | 53 |
| 300 | Huntingdon | Second Monday. | | 5 | 3 | | | 127 |
| 301 | Waverly..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 4 | 8 | | 1 | 37 |
| 302 | Mechanicsburg..... | First Monday..... | 6 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 102 |
| 303 | Titusville..... | Second and Fourth Tuesday. | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 198 |
| 304 | Albion..... | First and Third Tuesday.... | | 1 | | 2 | | 56 |
| 305 | Hawley..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 3 | | | | 63 |
| 306 | Troy..... | Saturday on or before F. M. and 2 weeks after..... | 5 | 7 | | 2 | | 131 |
| 307 | Womelsdorf | First Thursday..... | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | 72 |
| 308 | Fort Washington | Saturday on or before F. M.. | | | 1 | 7 | | 67 |
| 309 | Downingtown..... | Friday on or before F. M... | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 55 |
| 310 | Trappe..... | Saturday on or before F. M.. | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 59 |

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| 311 | Mount Bethel..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | 1 | 7 | 1 | | 38 |
| 312 | Ebensburg..... | Fourth Tuesday..... | | | 3 | | 1 | 40 |
| 313 | Indiana..... | Second Tuesday..... | 1 | 1 | 4 | | | 54 |
| 314 | Clearfield..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | 2 | 6 | | 7 | | 65 |
| 315 | Shippensburg..... | Second Friday..... | | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 33 |
| 316 | Franklin | First and Third Monday.... | | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 105 |
| 317 | Wellsboro'..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 3 | 4 | | 1 | 53 |
| 318 | Allegheny City..... | First Tuesday..... | 2 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 167 |
| 319 | New Bloomfield..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 54 |
| 320 | Bedford..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | 1 | 9 | | | | 70 |
| 321 | East Liberty..... | Third Tuesday..... | | 2 | | | | 93 |
| 322 | West Chester | Monday on or before F. M.. | 2 | | 4 | | | 86 |
| 323 | Scranton..... | First Tuesday..... | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 111 |
| 324 | Mifflintown..... | Second Thursday..... | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | | 37 |
| 325 | Stroudsburg..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 4 | 8 | | 1 | 114 |
| 326 | Trexlertown..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 63 |
| 327 | Hazleton..... | Monday on or before F. M. . | 1 | 6 | | | 3 | 124 |
| 328 | Jackson..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | | 8 | | | | 47 |
| 330 | Hamlington | Monday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 4 | 1 | | | 59 |
| 331 | Ligonier..... | Friday before F. M..... | | | 5 | 1 | 1 | 19 |
| 332 | Plymouth..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 1 | | | | 54 |
| 333 | Allentown..... | Friday on or before F. M... | | | 12 | 1 | 3 | 115 |
| 334 | Bradford..... | Second and Fourth Monday. | 20 | 33 | 2 | | 1 | 150 |
| 335 | Montoursville..... | Wednesday before F. M.... | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | 45 |
| 336 | Gettysburg | Second Thurs. of each month ending Sept., and 2d and 4th Wed. of all other mos. | | 1 | | | | 62 |
| 337 | Monongahela City... | First Tuesday after F. M.... | | | | 6 | 1 | 92 |
| 338 | Great Bend..... | Thursday on or before F. M. and 2 weeks afterwards... | 1 | 8 | | 3 | 1 | 77 |
| 339 | Hyde Park..... | First Monday..... | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 131 |
| 340 | Green Tree..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 111 |
| 341 | Factoryville..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 5 | | | | 49 |
| 342 | Coudersport..... | Second and Fourth Wednes. | 7 | 15 | 4 | 3 | | 82 |
| 343 | Cochranville..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 3 | 112 |
| 344 | Milford | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | 2 | 5 | | | 1 | 53 |
| 345 | Scranton..... | Second Monday..... | 2 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | 91 |
| 346 | Connellsville..... | Third Monday..... | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 77 |
| 347 | Girard..... | First Wednesday | | | 4 | | 1 | 61 |
| 349 | Catawissa | Tuesday before F. M. | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | 79 |
| 350 | Blossburg | Thursday on before F. M... | 3 | 5 | | 2 | 1 | 57 |
| 351 | Knoxville..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | 1 | | 2 | | | 24 |
| 352 | Chester..... | First Thursday after F. M... | | 5 | 2 | | | 95 |
| 353 | Oxford | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 72 |
| 354 | Shickshinny..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 6 | | | | 55 |
| 355 | Blairsville..... | Second Thursday..... | | 3 | | | | 43 |
| 357 | Mahanoy City..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 82 |
| 358 | Somerset..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 2 | | 3 | | 76 |
| 359 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Thursday..... | | 2 | | | | 111 |

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| 360 | Susquehanna Depot.. | First Friday..... | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 102 |
| 361 | Newville..... | Second and Fourth Thursday | | 9 | 2 | 2 | | 44 |
| 362 | Erie | First Friday | 3 | 10 | 4 | | | 104 |
| 363 | Oil City..... | First and Third Friday..... | 4 | 9 | 1 | 2 | | 118 |
| 364 | Millersburg..... | First Friday..... | 1 | | 3 | 1 | | 54 |
| 365 | Corry..... | First Tuesday..... | 2 | | | 3 | | 100 |
| 366 | Union City..... | First Friday | 2 | | 9 | 2 | | 45 |
| 367 | Reading..... | Third Thursday..... | | 4 | 2 | | | 70 |
| 368 | Philadelphia..... | Third Tuesday..... | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 103 |
| 369 | Philadelphia..... | Third Thursday..... | 1 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 163 |
| 370 | Mifflinsburg..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 32 |
| 371 | Thompsontown..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | | | 2 | | 1 | 38 |
| 372 | Spartansburg..... | First Monday..... | | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 27 |
| 373 | Tioga. | Third Thursday..... | 2 | | | 2 | | 18 |
| 374 | Allegheny City..... | First Thursday..... | 2 | 10 | | 1 | 3 | 115 |
| 375 | McKeesport | Second Tuesday..... | 2 | | | | 3 | 95 |
| 376 | McVeytown | Third Friday..... | | 1 | | | | 32 |
| 377 | Kutztown | Saturday on or before F. M.. | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | 89 |
| 378 | Mount Carmel | Thursday before F. M..... | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 35 |
| 379 | Ridgway..... | Second and Fourth Tuesday. | | 4 | 27 | 4 | 1 | 108 |
| 380 | Philadelphia..... | First Tuesday..... | | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 73 |
| 381 | Newport | Tuesday on or after F. M... | | 1 | | | 1 | 38 |
| 382 | Emporium..... | Second and Fourth Wednes. | 3 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 64 |
| 383 | Coatesville | Tuesday on or after F. M.... | | 3 | | 2 | 1 | 64 |
| 384 | Philadelphia..... | Third Tuesday..... | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 92 |
| 385 | Philadelphia..... | First Thursday..... | | 3 | 10 | | 2 | 142 |
| 386 | Philadelphia..... | Third Wednesday..... | 3 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 246 |
| 387 | Dushore..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | 1 | | | 1 | 41 |
| 388 | Smethport..... | Second and Fourth Wednes. | 1 | 10 | | | 1 | 57 |
| 389 | West Middlesex..... | First and Third Monday.... | | | | | | 25 |
| 390 | Pittsburgh..... | Second Wednesday..... | 8 | 5 | 2 | | 2 | 116 |
| 391 | Phillipsburg..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 72 |
| 392 | Erie..... | Second Tuesday..... | 7 | 5 | | 1 | 2 | 128 |
| 393 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Tuesday..... | 2 | 4 | | 2 | 2 | 190 |
| 395 | Kingston | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 74 |
| 396 | Easton | Second Tuesday..... | 2 | 12 | | 1 | 1 | 97 |
| 397 | Williamsport..... | First Tuesday..... | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 3 | 63 |
| 398 | Marietta..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | | 3 | | | 2 | 62 |
| 399 | North East..... | First and Third Wednesday. | | 6 | | 2 | 1 | 87 |
| 400 | Jenkintown | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | 93 |
| 401 | Watson town | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | 1 | 7 | | | 1 | 83 |
| 402 | Philadelphia..... | First Friday..... | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | 174 |
| 403 | Clarksville..... | Monday after F. M..... | | | | 1 | | 15 |
| 404 | Northumberland..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | | | | | 1 | 34 |
| 405 | Waynesburg | Wednesday on or bef. F. M.. | | | | | | 38 |
| 406 | Hamburg..... | Second Wednesday..... | 1 | | 1 | | | 52 |
| 408 | Meadville | First Monday..... | | 2 | | | | 45 |
| 409 | Pine Grove..... | First Monday..... | | 1 | | | 1 | 54 |
| 410 | Hatboro'..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M.. | | | | 2 | | 69 |

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| 411 | Darlington..... | Friday on or before F. M.... | | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 39 |
| 412 | Tidioute..... | Second Tuesday..... | 1 | 1 | | | | 67 |
| 413 | Bath..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | | 2 | 2 | | 50 |
| 414 | Elysburg..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | | 30 |
| 415 | Canton..... | Tuesday on or before F. M. and 2 weeks after..... | 2 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 77 |
| 416 | Edinboro'..... | Second and Fourth Tuesday. | | 8 | | | | 50 |
| 417 | Christiana..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | 2 | 3 | | | 53 |
| 418 | Rome..... | Second and Fourth Saturday. | | 2 | | | 1 | 38 |
| 419 | Philadelphia..... | Second Tuesday..... | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 254 |
| 420 | Conshohocken..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 4 | | | 2 | 78 |
| 421 | Osceola..... | Saturday on or before F. M.. | | 2 | | 2 | | 18 |
| 423 | Shrewsbury..... | Second Tuesday..... | | | 2 | 2 | | 33 |
| 424 | Jamestown..... | First and Third Friday..... | 2 | 7 | 2 | 1 | | 67 |
| 425 | Waterford..... | Saturday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 3 | | | | 56 |
| 426 | Cressona..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | 3 | | | | 50 |
| 427 | Newtown, Bucks Co.. | Wednesday on or bef. F. M.. | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | 68 |
| 428 | Smithfield..... | Friday on or before F. M. and 2 weeks afterwards..... | | | 3 | | 1 | 46 |
| 429 | Harmony..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | 25 |
| 430 | Allegheny City..... | Fourth Thursday..... | 2 | 6 | | 2 | 2 | 126 |
| 431 | Saltsburg..... | First Tuesday..... | | | | 1 | | 21 |
| 432 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | 104 |
| 433 | New Castle..... | First Tuesday..... | 1 | 16 | | 1 | 1 | 110 |
| 434 | Sandy Lake..... | First Tuesday..... | | 4 | | 1 | | 46 |
| 435 | Reading..... | First Friday..... | | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 137 |
| 436 | Philadelphia..... | Second Tuesday..... | 2 | 4 | 2 | | 2 | 134 |
| 437 | Apollo..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 3 | | | 2 | 40 |
| 438 | Nicholson..... | First Wednesday..... | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 35 |
| 439 | Clifford..... | Monday before F. M..... | | | | | | 27 |
| 440 | Slatington..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | | | | | 31 |
| 441 | Philadelphia..... | Third Friday..... | | 11 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 213 |
| 442 | Wilkesbarre..... | Wednes. on and after F. M.. | 1 | 3 | | | 2 | 76 |
| 443 | Green Castle..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | | | 1 | | 30 |
| 444 | Philadelphia..... | Third Tuesday..... | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 89 |
| 445 | Harford..... | Wednes. on and after F. M.. | | | | | | 14 |
| 446 | Upper Uwchlan. | Monday before F. M..... | | 4 | 3 | | | 33 |
| 448 | Sharpsburg..... | Second and Fourth Thursday | 1 | 4 | | | 1 | 80 |
| 449 | Philadelphia..... | Second and Fourth Thursday | 3 | 7 | 3 | | 5 | 116 |
| 450 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Wednesday..... | | 2 | | | 1 | 122 |
| 451 | York..... | First Monday..... | | | 2 | | | 37 |
| 453 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 97 |
| 454 | Burgettstown..... | Second and Fourth Friday.. | | | 5 | 2 | 1 | 42 |
| 455 | Erie..... | Third Tuesday..... | 5 | 9 | | | 1 | 78 |
| 456 | Philadelphia..... | Second Tuesday..... | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 140 |
| 457 | Beaver..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | 3 | | 2 | | 61 |
| 458 | Marysville..... | Fourth Tuesday..... | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 47 |
| 459 | Masontown..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | | | 1 | | 26 |
| 460 | Orangeville..... | Tuesday on or after F. M... | | 6 | | | 1 | 38 |

| NO. OF LODGE. | WHERE HELD. | TIME OF MEETING. | ADMISSIONS. | INITIATIONS. | SUSPENSIONS & EXPULSIONS. | RESIGNATIONS. | DEATHS. | TOTAL. |
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| 461 | Greenfield..... | Third Monday..... | 3 | 4 | | | | 34 |
| 462 | Berwick..... | Friday on and after F. M. . . | | 3 | | 1 | | 65 |
| 463 | Titusville..... | First and Third Monday.... | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | 105 |
| 464 | Harrisburg..... | Third Thursday..... | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | 108 |
| 465 | York Springs..... | Third Monday..... | | 4 | | 1 | | 30 |
| 466 | Olyphant..... | Friday on or before F. M. . . | 1 | | | 1 | | 43 |
| 467 | White Haven..... | Second and Fourth Monday. | | 2 | 4 | | | 53 |
| 468 | Wyoming..... | Friday on or before F. M. . . | | | 1 | | | 25 |
| 469 | Coopersburg..... | Tuesday on or before F. M. . | | 3 | | | | 41 |
| 470 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Thursday..... | | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 65 |
| 471 | LeRaysville..... | Saturday on or before F. M. . | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 | | 49 |
| 472 | Pleasant Mount..... | Saturday on or before F. M. . | | | | | | 20 |
| 473 | Cambridge..... | Second and Fourth Friday.. | | 5 | 11 | 1 | | 72 |
| 474 | Ashley..... | Tuesday on or before F. M. . | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | 67 |
| 475 | Kennett Square..... | Thursday on or before F. M. . | | 4 | | | | 88 |
| 476 | Lancaster..... | First Monday..... | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 73 |
| 477 | Westfield..... | Saturday on or before F. M. . | 1 | 6 | | 2 | | 58 |
| 478 | Beaver Falls..... | Second and Fourth Monday. | | 7 | | | 2 | 56 |
| 479 | Morgantown..... | Thursday on or before F. M. . | | | | | | 31 |
| 480 | Curwensville..... | Tuesday on or before F. M. . | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 61 |
| 481 | Philadelphia..... | First Thursday..... | 2 | 13 | 7 | | 6 | 245 |
| 482 | Philadelphia..... | First Tuesday..... | 2 | 13 | 5 | 2 | | 138 |
| 483 | Rouseville..... | First and Third Wednesday. | | 1 | | 2 | | 61 |
| 484 | Pittsburgh..... | Second Monday..... | 1 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 150 |
| 485 | Smith's Ferry..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. . | | 3 | | | | 38 |
| 486 | Middletown..... | Monday on or before F. M. . | | 4 | | 1 | | 43 |
| 487 | Philadelphia..... | Third Monday..... | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| 488 | Independence..... | Thursday on or before F. M. . | | | | 1 | | 16 |
| 489 | Allegheny City..... | Second Wednesday..... | | 3 | | 2 | 1 | 51 |
| 490 | Altoona..... | First Tuesday..... | 3 | 10 | 2 | 4 | | 76 |
| 491 | Philadelphia..... | Third Wednesday..... | | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 80 |
| 492 | Milroy..... | Thursday on or before F. M. . | | | | 1 | | 21 |
| 493 | Philadelphia..... | Second Monday..... | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 175 |
| 494 | Tyrone..... | Third Monday..... | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | 52 |
| 495 | Renova..... | First Tuesday..... | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | 51 |
| 496 | Safe Harbor..... | Friday on or before F. M. . . | | 1 | | 3 | | 44 |
| 498 | Linesville..... | First and Third Tuesday.... | | | | 1 | 1 | 39 |
| 499 | West Pittston..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. . | | | | | 1 | 54 |
| 500 | Philadelphia..... | Third Wednesday..... | | 6 | 4 | | 1 | 153 |
| 501 | Pleasantville..... | First and Third Monday.... | 4 | | | 2 | | 54 |
| 502 | Tarentum..... | Friday before F. M. | 1 | 1 | | 3 | | 21 |
| 503 | Wrightsville..... | Third Monday..... | | 1 | | 1 | | 28 |
| 504 | Moscow..... | Friday on or before F. M. . . | | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 34 |
| 505 | Port Allegany..... | First Tuesday..... | | 7 | 1 | 1 | | 43 |
| 506 | Philadelphia..... | Second Thursday..... | 1 | 3 | | | | 76 |
| 507 | New Milford..... | Second Wednesday and 2 weeks after..... | | | | | | |
| 508 | Pittsburgh..... | First Friday..... | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 97 |
| 509 | Pittsburgh..... | Second Friday..... | | 1 | | 2 | | 65 |

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| 510 | Braddock's Field.... | Third Tuesday..... | | 5 | 6 | 2 | | 54 |
| 511 | Shenandoah | Wednesday before F. M.... | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | 66 |
| 512 | Quakertown | Thursday on or before F. M. | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 56 |
| 513 | Temperanceville | First Tuesday..... | | 2 | 5 | | | 51 |
| 514 | New Freeport | Friday before F. M..... | | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 37 |
| 515 | Osceola Mills..... | Second Monday..... | 1 | 1 | | | | 38 |
| 516 | Danville..... | Second Tuesday..... | 2 | 6 | | | 1 | 52 |
| 517 | Sharpsville..... | First and Third Monday.... | 3 | | | 1 | | 33 |
| 518 | Greensburg | Third Tuesday..... | 3 | | 2 | | | 46 |
| 519 | Philadelphia..... | Third Thursday..... | 1 | 13 | | 1 | 1 | 111 |
| 520 | St. Petersburg | First Thursday..... | 1 | 4 | | 4 | 1 | 59 |
| 521 | Parker City | First Monday..... | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | | 73 |
| 522 | New Bethlehem | First Wednesday..... | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 24 |
| 523 | Jermyn..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 1 | | | | 30 |
| 524 | Everett Borough..... | Friday on or before F. M.... | | 7 | | | | 47 |
| 525 | Allegheny City..... | Third Monday..... | 3 | 10 | | 2 | | 97 |
| 526 | Elizabeth..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | | 4 | | 1 | | 41 |
| 527 | Philadelphia..... | Third Wednesday..... | | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 127 |
| 528 | Philadelphia..... | Fourth Wednesday | 2 | 3 | | | | 66 |
| 529 | Philadelphia..... | First Thursday..... | 1 | 9 | | | 1 | 117 |
| 530 | Bellevue | Third Monday..... | | 3 | | | 1 | 33 |
| 531 | Dallas..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | | 1 | | | 22 |
| 532 | Driftwood..... | Friday on or before F. M... | | 4 | | 1 | | 55 |
| 533 | Wattsburg..... | First and Third Saturday... | | 3 | | 1 | | 32 |
| 534 | Punxsutawney..... | First Tuesday..... | | 3 | 1 | 2 | | 35 |
| 535 | Pittsburgh..... | Third Monday..... | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 44 |
| 536 | Reynoldsville..... | Fourth Thursday..... | 3 | 1 | | | | 39 |
| 537 | Centre Hall..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | 1 | 7 | | | | 38 |
| 538 | Johnstown..... | Fourth Monday..... | 1 | 5 | | | | 59 |
| 539 | Woodbury..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | 1 | | 2 | | 12 |
| 540 | Petrolia..... | Wednesday on or bef. F. M. | | 3 | 1 | 3 | | 78 |
| 541 | Nanticoke..... | Thursday on and after F. M. | 1 | 4 | | | | 41 |
| 542 | Waymart..... | Tuesday on and after F. M.. | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | 34 |
| 543 | Fernwood..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | | | | 3 | 2 | 87 |
| 544 | Mansfield..... | Monday on or before F. M. and 2 weeks afterwards... | | 7 | | | | 56 |
| 545 | New London | Monday on or before F. M.. | | 9 | | | | 37 |
| 546 | Pittsburgh..... | First Thursday..... | 2 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 56 |
| 547 | Sugar Grove..... | Friday on or before F. M... | 2 | 7 | | | | 59 |
| 548 | Verona..... | Tuesday on or before F. M.. | | 5 | 1 | | 1 | 24 |
| 549 | Reading | Fourth Thursday..... | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 28 |
| 550 | Edenburg | First Tuesday..... | | 2 | | 5 | | 52 |
| 551 | Mount Joy..... | Friday on or before F. M... | | 6 | | 2 | | 39 |
| 552 | Emlenton | Second and Fourth Monday. | | 1 | | | 1 | 36 |
| 553 | Spring City..... | Thursday on or before F. M. | | 3 | | | | 56 |
| 554 | Meyersdale..... | Monday on or before F. M.. | | 5 | | | | 34 |
| 555 | Duke Centre..... | Tuesday of each week..... | 6 | 38 | | 2 | 1 | 97 |
| 556 | Lewisborough..... | First and Third Wednesday. | 2 | 12 | | | | 20 |
| 557 | Tionesta..... | First and Second Monday... | 1 | 5 | | | | 12 |

Brother AUGUSTUS R. HALL, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania :

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Maryland at its stated Communication in November, 1881, adopted the following resolution, to wit :

“That any subordinate Lodge in any adjoining jurisdiction may confer the first three degrees of Masonry on citizens of this State who reside nearer to such Lodge than to any Lodge in this State ; provided the same privilege be extended to the Lodges in this State by the laws of such adjoining jurisdiction.”

And inasmuch as it is the wish of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to promote the harmony and strengthen the ties of friendship and brotherly love between it and its sister Grand Lodges as well as to increase the prosperity of the Craft, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Landmarks of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby directed to inquire into the subject matter of jurisdiction as contained in the resolution adopted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland, and report to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in March, 1883, such action as it may deem advisable to be taken by this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for the purpose of acknowledging and reciprocating the fraternal feeling manifested and expressed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6th, 1882.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock 30 minutes, P. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27, A. D. 1882, A. L. 5882.

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PRESENT:

| | | |
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| Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i> |
| " CONRAD B. DAY, | - | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| " E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, | | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> |
| " JOSEPH EICHBAUM, | - | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i> |
| " THOMAS R. PATTON, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, | - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " CHARLES H. KINGSTON, | | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " SAMUEL J. DICKEY, | - | <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| " JAMES S. BARBER, | - | <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i> |
| " J. S. J. McCONNELL, | } | <i>Grand Chaplains.</i> |
| " HENRY S. GETZ, | | |
| " A. V. C. SCHENCK, | | |
| " MATTHIAS H. HENDER- | } | <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i> |
| SON, | | |
| " THADDEUS S. ADLE, | | |
| " THOMAS S. WOODBURY, | } | <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| " SAMUEL PRICE, | | |
| " GEORGE W. WOOD, | - | <i>Grand Marshal,</i> |
| " LOUIS M. CHASTEAU, | - | <i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i> |
| " HENRY H. HAYNES, | - | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| " WM. A. SINN, | - | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |
| " JOHN THOMSON, | - | <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i> |
| " RICHARD VAUX, | - | |
| " MICHAEL NISBET, | - | |

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| R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. RICHARD VAUX, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Ala- bama, Texas, Minnesota, Washington Territory and Colon and Cuba.</i> |
| R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Caro- lina.</i> |
| R. W. Bro. CONRAD B. DAY, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i> |
| R. W. Bro. E. COPPÉE MIT- CHELL, - - - - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i> |
| Bro. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.</i> |
| " CHARLES E. MEYER, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i> |
| " AUGUSTUS R. HALL, - | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i> |
| " WM. B. HACKENBURG, | { | <i>Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, &c.</i> |

Sixty-seven Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock
30 minutes, A. M.

REPORT OF THE STEWARDS OF STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND. .

The Stewards of the "Stephen Girard Charity
Fund" made the following report, which was ordered
to be entered on the minutes and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The undersigned on behalf of the Stewards of the
"Stephen Girard Charity Fund," submits the following

report of their proceedings for the year ending December 27, 1882:

Balance on hand December 27, 1881, as per last report, \$79 10

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| Amount appropriated to Class No. 1, | - | - | \$900 00 |
| “ “ “ 2, | - | - | 700 00 |
| “ “ “ 3, | - | - | 700 00 |
| “ “ “ 4, | - | - | 700 00 |

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| Total amount appropriated by Grand Lodge, | 3,000 00 |
| | <u>\$3,079 10</u> |

In the performance of their official duty, the Stewards have granted relief to one hundred and seventy-one poor and respectable Brethren, to wit :

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| To 149 hailing under this Jurisdiction, | - | - | \$2,405 00 |
| “ 22 “ “ other Jurisdictions, viz. : | | | |
| “ 1 “ “ Liverpool, | - | - | \$30 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ Massachusetts, | - | | 5 00 |
| “ 5 “ “ North Carolina, | - | - | 55 00 |
| “ 3 “ “ Nassau, | - | - | 65 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ Texas, | - | - | 30 00 |
| “ 3 “ “ New York, | - | - | 30 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ England, | - | - | 30 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ Michigan, | - | - | 15 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ Iowa, | - | - | 15 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ Scotland, | - | - | 15 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ Toronto, | - | - | 10 00 |
| “ 1 “ “ St. John, | - | - | 20 00 |
| “ 2 “ “ Ireland, | - | - | 45 00 |

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| | <u>365 00</u> |
| Balance remaining December 27, 1882. | 309 10 |
| | <u>\$3,079 10</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. WOODWARD,

President of Stewards.

REPORT OF ALMONERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully submit the following summary of the operations of the Board during the year 1882 :

| | | | | | |
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| Balance on hand December 27, 1881, | - | - | - | \$355 | 00 |
| Received from Trustees for use of Class No. 1, | - | | | 800 | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ 2, | - | | | 300 | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ 3, | - | | | 700 | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ 4, | - | | | 1,100 | 00 |
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| | | | | | \$3,255 00 |

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| Relief was granted upon 257 applications, amount- | | | | | |
| ing in the aggregate to, | - | - | - | - | 2,933 00 |

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| Leaving a balance on hand of | - | - | - | - | \$322 00 |
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The applicants hailed from the following jurisdictions :

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| Pennsylvania, | - | - | - | - | - | 233 |
| Delaware, | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| South Carolina, | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Louisiana, | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Virginia, | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| Kentucky, | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| New York, | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Ireland, | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Scotland, | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |
| Total, | - | - | - | - | - | 257 |

The members of the Board have generally been faithful and prompt in their attendance at the meetings, and have labored zealously to relieve the distress and wants of the widows and orphans who have been made the objects of their care.

The amount of good accomplished by this fund has been very great, and has called forth the gratitude of many a poor

and helpless one. The sum total of its benefits cannot be computed, and will only be ascertained in the day of final reckoning.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. STULB,

President Almoners Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27, 1882.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library made the following report, which was read, when, on motion, the report was accepted :

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7th, 1882.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Library beg leave to present the following report :

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| The amount on hand at last report was | - | - | \$272 99 |
| Amount received from Grand Lodge | - | - | 300 00 |

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| Total, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$572 99 |
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The payments have been :

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| Bro. Wm. Shinn, attendant on Library, | - | - | 152 00 |
| Newspapers, periodicals, &c., and purchase of books, | 156 | 42 | |
| Postage and expressage, | - | - | 12 67 |
| Account of Catalogues of Library, paid McCalla | | | |
| & Stavely, | - | - | 125 00 |
| Insurance Memorial Volume sheets, | - | - | 12 00 |
| Stationery, | - | - | 10 70 |

\$468 79

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| Balance on hand, Nov. 15, 1882, | - | - | \$104 20 |
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to meet the expenses of Committee to St. John's Day next.

The Grand Lodge having referred the transfer of the Acacia tree so kindly presented to the Grand Lodge by Bro. ROBERT E. PATTERSON, of Lodge 400, would report that in June last the tree was presented, by consent of the donor, Bro. PATTERSON, to the Commissioners of Fairmount Park, and it has now a place suitable for its care, in the Horticultural Building.

We submit the following vote of thanks from the Commissioners :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF FAIRMOUNT PARK,
City Hall, Eastern Entrance,

PHILADELPHIA, June 10th, 1882.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Fairmount Park, held this day, the following resolution was adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Commissioners of Fairmount Park be, and the same are hereby tendered to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M., for the valuable Acacia tree presented to Fairmount Park.

F. M. DOUGHERTY, *Secretary*.

To Charles E. Meyer, Esq., M. Richards Mucklé, Esq., Edward S. Wyckoff, Esq., and others, Library Committee.

With reference to the delay in the issuance of the Reprint of the Early Minutes, we would report that the copy is ready for the printer, but we did not desire to print until the former parts are paid for. There is still owing by subscribers to parts I and II the sum of \$62.

We are in strong hopes that the early part of the coming year will see the work completed as far as part IV.

The preservation of the History and other valuable relics of early Masonry being one of the chief duties of this Committee, and the Grand Lodge having in June last celebrated its 150th anniversary, the Committee would take this opportunity of calling attention of the older Lodges to the proper observances of their anniversaries.

The following Lodges can justly be denominated Centenary Lodges:

Lodge No. 2, constituted in 1758.

Lodge No. 3, constituted 1758, reorganized 1767.

Lodge No. 9, constituted prior to 1779.

Lodge No. 21, constituted 1779.

Lodge No. 22, Sunbury, constituted 1779.

Lodge No. 25, Bristol, constituted 1780.

The following Lodges are fast approaching the time when they can be called centenarians:

No. 19, Philadelphia, 1787.

No. 43, Lancaster, 1785.

No. 45, Pittsburgh, 1785.

There is nothing better calculated to demonstrate the antiquity of Freemasonry than the celebration of the several anniversaries. Sketches of their histories should be prepared and would be valuable if placed in the Library of the Grand Lodge.

We solicit, we request such donations, and their value will be incalculable to the future Masonic historian.

If the records of the Lodges from 1730 to 1767 could be found, much light would be thrown upon the manner of Masonry of those days. Your Committee are confident that they will be found among some cast-aside papers, and we would again request our Brothers coming across any old Masonic papers, that they carefully preserve the same, and forward to your Committee for preservation in the archives of the Library.

It has been the strong desire of the Committee, since the reorganization of the Library, that it should be a place where Masons could meet for instruction and entertainment. We have considered the subject of having monthly or weekly meetings of the Brethren in the Library Room, for conversation, for lectures, or Masonic or other interesting subjects, subject, however, to the sanction and approval of the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

It is the intention of the Committee to inaugurate this matter during the coming year, if possible.

We believe that it would increase the interest of the Brethren on the subject of Masonry and the kindred sciences.

We submit the names of contributors to the Library during the past year:

Samuel B. Dick, R. W. Grand Master,
 Conrad B. Day, Deputy Grand Master,
 Thomas R. Patton, R. W. Grand Treasurer,
 Michael Nisbet, R. W. Grand Secretary,
 Dennis F. Dealy, No. 295,
 James G. Finkins, No. 71,
 James C. Poynton, No. 23, D. C.,
 Charles W. Nolen, No. 134,
 Wm. M. Cunningham, P. Grand Master of Ohio,
 S. C. Perkins, P. Grand Master,
 J. H. Drummond, P. Grand Master of Maine,
 Thomas S. Woodbury, No. 155,
 Chas. H. Kingston, No. 114,
 Kingston Goddard, M. D., No. 134.
 Robert C. Davis, No. 130,
 Wm. T. Taylor, M. D., No. 131,
 F. C. Garrigues, No. 130,
 R. A. Lamberton, P. Grand Master,
 Samuel R. Brick, No. 52,
 James Elliott, No. 402, a fine bust, on pedestal, of
 Bro. J. A. Garfield.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MEYER,
 M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
 E. S. WYCKOFF,
 JAS. S. BARBER,
 W. C. HAMILTON,
 T. E. HARPER,
 S. S. TALBOT,

Committee on Library.

Brother MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, D. D. Grand Master, asked permission of the Grand Lodge to withdraw the appeal of Lodge No. —, from the decision of the Worshipful Master of said Lodge, presented to Grand Lodge June 7, A. D. 1882, and referred to the Committee on Landmarks, when, on motion, it was resolved that the request be granted.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, delivered the following address :

It is with feelings of peculiar emotion, Brethren of the Grand Lodge, that I address you formally as your Grand Master for the last time. The record of the past two years is made up, and the book is sealed. No power can blot out what has been. The past is irrevocable. We can only survey the road we have traveled, and note the manifest mercies and many blessings showered upon us by the Beneficent Father whom we acknowledge and adore as the Creator and Protector of all things; and, at the same time recognize the errors into which we, through our own weakness, have fallen, and the shortcomings and deficiencies of our own conduct. Thus a serious consideration of the things which have been will awaken in us a profound reverence for God, and a devout thankfulness to Him who orders all things by the word of His power, and who watches over and protects those who trust in Him, and an humble sense of our dependence upon His goodness

and guidance to lead us in the right way, and to enable us to do our duty in those stations of life to which He has seen fit to call us. The fundamental truths of religion upon which our Fraternity is founded, and of which it was almost the sole repository in the remote past, are so far parts of its very constitution that it cannot exist without them. Masonry without God is a body without a soul; an empty casket from which the jewel it was meant to contain has been taken away. It has no longer any reason to exist.

Let us, then, Brethren, cultivate and cherish a spirit of devotion to our Institution as it is, especially caring to preserve inviolate those principles of religion and morality which have been taught in our Lodges from time immemorial. And, as the atheist has no place among our membership, so we, as Ancient Masons, can have no fellowship with those misguided Grand Lodges who have cut loose from the ancient Landmark by declaring that belief in God is no longer a necessary qualification for admission to our mysteries.

The year just closed has been one of unabated prosperity to the Craft in Pennsylvania. The salutary discipline enforced by my predecessors in office, and the zealous and commendable efforts put forth by the Masters and officers of the subordinate Lodges to conform to the regulations prescribed for their

government, have, in a great measure, corrected and eradicated the errors which had crept in, and have been productive of the happiest results. Throughout the whole jurisdiction we have the most gratifying evidences of the lively interest felt by the Brethren in the institution of Freemasonry. This must result in an elevated Masonic standard ; in making each Lodge a centre of influence in the community, which, though silent, is not less powerful for good, and in attracting to our membership the kind of material which we especially desire.

There are two events of the year which, from their importance to us as members of this Grand Lodge, seem to call for especial notice from me at this time. One of them is the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which took place in this city on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1732. The addresses delivered by the distinguished Brethren who were appointed to take part in the ceremonies of that occasion are doubtless remembered by you all. They contain the results of a very full and exhaustive examination into our early history from all the sources of information remaining to us which are now accessible, and possess a value which we should not fail to appreciate. They should be preserved in a permanent form, and I think it would be very desirable that they should be printed by the Grand Lodge for distribution among its members. Taking into consideration the loss of our records by

fire and other casualties, it is really surprising that so much could be gleaned. Amid all the confusion occasioned by the loss of records, there is one fact which stands out clearly as beyond dispute, and that is that the first Grand Lodge established on this continent was formed in Philadelphia, and was the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The gaps in the history which break the continuity of the succession from that time to this may yet be filled by the discovery at some future time of the missing records. Taken as it is, it is a history of which every Pennsylvania Freemason may justly be proud. The names of the men who illustrate its pages are of those prominent in every good work, and in every honorable walk of life—illustrious citizens as well as eminent Brethren. In the midst of commotions which tried men's souls, and in the face of adverse fortune which offered temptation to cowardice and dishonesty, there is not, during this long period, a shadow of a stain upon our reputation.

The other event of signal importance to which I referred a moment ago is the sale of the Chestnut Street Hall for \$225,000, upon terms which have been already reported to and sanctioned by the Grand Lodge. For nine years the Grand Lodge has had locked up in this building a large amount of its funds, producing little income beyond what was sufficient to pay the charges annually accruing upon it. That it was a wise policy to dispose of this property

will be evident when we consider the aggregate of the interest for the nine years which has been lost by this investment. The period of financial depression on which the country entered in 1873, found the Grand Lodge with a bonded debt of \$1,455,950, and an annual interest charge of \$107,021.27. Taking the amount now in the Sinking Fund (which includes the purchase money of the old Hall) into consideration, the balance due by the Grand Lodge at this time is \$1,026,850, and the annual interest charge is \$63,975, which is offset by the amount of interest received upon the investments held by the Sinking Fund. And this reduction has been made in a period of unexampled depression in business, from which our country has but recently emerged.

FINANCES.

You will pardon me for expressing my gratification at the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge. It has been my anxious desire that during my administration the credit of Grand Lodge should not be in the least impaired. It is now strong. My successor has the same desire that has animated me to preserve the financial stability of the Grand Lodge. The Sinking Fund has been augmented till now it is in a condition to afford the cancellation of a large amount of the bonded indebtedness at an early day. The honor of the Craft will inspire it to prevent any disposition of the funds of the Grand Lodge which might, by

even a remote possibility, prevent the increase of the Sinking Fund.

I know that my successor is fully alive to this important subject, and he will doubtless so express his views as to justify the Craft in continued exertions to pay off the debt as it matures.

I cannot leave this subject without expressing my admiration for the continuous devotion to their duties which has so markedly characterized our Committee on Finance. Those Brethren deserve the confidence and respect of the members of this Grand Lodge.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

There have been six (6) Warrants granted during the past year: No. 558, Lansdale, Montgomery county; No. 559, DuBois, Clearfield county; No. 560, Eldred, McKean county; No. 561, Allentown, Lehigh county; No. 562, Scottdale, Westmoreland county; No. 563, Hellertown, Northampton county, all of which have been constituted with the exception of No. 563.

On the 9th of November, in company with most of the Grand Officers, I started on a series of grand visitations of Lodges. At Reading, on the evening of the 9th, there were present the officers and members of Lodges Nos. 62, 190, 227, 435, 479, 549, 307, 377, 226, 406 and 367. The work was done in the Master Masons' Degree, and such corrections as were neces-

sary to be made were kindly received by the Brethren.

On Friday, the 10th, the Grand Officers proceeded to Allentown, and constituted Lodge, No. 561, and in the evening, held a Grand Lodge of Instruction, at which were present the officers and members of Lodges Nos. 242, 284, 152, 333, 440, 561, 326, 396, 435 and 310. The Brethren treated us in the most kind and hospitable manner, and we think the ceremonies of the occasion will be productive of good to the Craft in that part of the jurisdiction.

On Saturday, the 11th, the Grand Officers proceeded to Scranton, where we had at the meeting in the evening the officers and members of Lodges, Nos. 249, 261, 265, 291, 301, 330, 343, 339, 323, 360, 474, 507, 523, 504, 328, and 499. This portion of the jurisdiction requires the watchful care of the District Deputy Grand Masters. Being so near the border of our sister jurisdictions, work that is not in accordance with Pennsylvania Masonry is liable to and does creep in. We trust the Brethren may take to heart the instructions they received, and profit thereby. The Brethren of Scranton treated the Grand Officers in the most generous and fraternal manner, and we shall ever remember with pleasure our visit to their city.

On Monday, the 13th, the Grand Officers left Scranton for Williamsport, where we met with the officers

and members of Lodges, Nos. 106, 199, 238, 299, 232, 334, 335, 349, 368, 382, 397, 404 and 415. The work as exemplified by the Brethren of Williamsport showed that they have been attentive to their teachings. The Craft in this portion of the jurisdiction showed gratifying signs of their prosperity.

On Tuesday, the 14th, the Grand Officers proceeded to Lebanon, where we met the officers and members of Lodges, Nos. 62, 138, 153, 226, 270 and 307. A little more care and attention in this portion of the jurisdiction will be of benefit to the Craft.

On Wednesday, the 15th, the Grand Officers left Lebanon for Chambersburg, and there met a large number of Brethren, officers and members of Lodges, Nos. 138, 143, 197, 260, 315, 324, 302, 366, 443 and 508. The Brethren in this portion of the jurisdiction showed that they have had careful training from their District Deputy Grand Master, and have benefited by it.

On Thursday, the 16th, in the morning, the Grand Officers proceeded to York, and there met the officers and members of Lodges, Nos. 266, 348, 451 and 503. The work was well done by the Worshipful Master of Lodge 266.

On Friday, the 17th, the Grand Officers proceeded to Lancaster. This was a large and very interesting meeting. There were present officers and members of Lodges, Nos. 43, 62, 266, 286, 156, 348, 476 and 496.

The work as done by the officers of the Lodges in the City of Lancaster was rendered in the most pleasing manner. It was very gratifying to find that the Brethren there adhered so closely to the teachings of the Grand Lodge.

These visitations, together with the visitations made last year, embraced over 250 Lodges. It is an impossibility for the Grand Officers to visit each Lodge, and the only feasible plan has been found to be to congregate the officers and members of the several subordinate Lodges at some common point. The Craft generally, throughout the jurisdiction, as evidenced by our visitations are anxious and willing to learn; and if the District Deputy Grand Masters are properly attentive to their duty, there is no reason why we may not have an entire uniformity of work throughout the jurisdiction.

On the 19th of April, I laid the corner-stone of the new Armory of the First Regiment of Infantry, National Guard of Pennsylvania, in the City of Philadelphia. This was quite a prominent occasion, being attended by a parade of the First Brigade of the National Guard. His Excellency, Brother HENRY M. HOYT, Governor of this Commonwealth, delivered an oration on this occasion.

The Lodges do not seem to understand the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, in regard to the election of their Representatives to the Grand Lodge. By

strictly following the requirements as laid down in Sections 3 and 4, Article 3, of the Ahiman Rezon, the Lodges cannot err in their action.

The attention of the Grand Master has been called to the fact of a subordinate Lodge passing to the Chair a member of another Lodge by virtue of a dispensation issued by a District Deputy Grand Master. This is entirely irregular and under no circumstances can be permitted. A Lodge cannot pass any one to the Chair unless he be one of their own members.

The Grand Master regrets to say that he was compelled to summon the Worshipful Masters of Lodges—and—to appear before the Deputy Grand Master to answer for an entire neglect of their duties. The Worshipful Master of Lodge — appeared in obedience to the summons, and made an explanation which was satisfactory to the Deputy Grand Master. The Worshipful Master of Lodge — having paid no attention to the summons, I directed the Warrant to be taken up and returned to the Grand Secretary, pending such action as my successor may see fit to direct.

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, as will be seen by reference to their report in detail, disbursed \$2933 in charity during the past year. The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund also report—and their report will be found in detail—that they disbursed \$2770; in each case nearly

the entire amount of the income derived from their respective funds.

Let me urge on you, Brethren of the Grand Lodge, to consider the duty imposed on every Freemason to maintain the Landmarks. It is a duty that cannot be disregarded. You know how that obligation is created, and also that no evasion is permitted. On the contrary, Brethren, the most imposing barriers have been erected to defend it against encroachments. For a Freemason to ask what are the Landmarks, is like the ignorance of a traveler, asking, as he looks on the mountains, what they are. They are self-declared. They assert their own existence. No Masonic tribunal can create them; it is only its province to guard and protect them. When Freemasons ask each other, "What is Masonry?" it is but too evident that they are only members of Masonic Lodges, and lack the knowledge which makes Freemasonry. I therefore hope you will allow me to urge most earnestly on your attention the discharge of this important duty, one which has forced me, at this time, in the most fraternal spirit to present it to you.

TWO YEARS' SERVICE.

The experience obtained since I have been Grand Master tells me that the one year service of Masters of subordinate Lodges is operating now to the prejudice of the best interests of the Craft in our jurisdiction. It so frequently happens, as I have discov-

ered, that Masters are unable to do the work, and the Wardens are in many cases no better qualified, that I most earnestly advise the Lodges that they should re-elect their Masters for a continued service of two years, as is the custom in the Grand Lodge. Very many of the troubles that arise in Lodges come from the want of knowledge of the Masters of the plainest principles of law and custom, Landmarks and decisions of the Grand Lodge. If longer time was given to Masters they would feel themselves required to study these authoritative teachings. The Craft will find the great advantage of voluntarily adopting this rule, and I beg to recommend it. If I had not witnessed so frequently the necessity for this course, I would not have ventured to present it to the serious notice of the Lodges.

ELECTIONEERING.

Brethren, leaving the position I now occupy, it will not be likely that I can be misunderstood when I urge on you to put a stop to the growing disposition to electioneer for Masonic stations. You can readily understand that the best friend may not make the best officer of either a subordinate or of the Grand Lodge. Qualification is the paramount necessity—qualification for the discharge of the various duties which attach to the station to be filled. There cannot be and ought not to be any jealousy or any unkindness engendered when the calm judgment decides

that the best qualified receives the recognition such capacities demand.

And, now, Brethren, it only remains for me to perform the duty of installing my successor, before I bid you farewell. I retire from the exalted station with which you have honored me, with most grateful recollections of all your kindness to me, and the indulgence which you have invariably shown me during the seven years that I have filled the stations in the Grand Lodge by the favor of your choice, and especially since I have occupied this high office. No one who has not had actual experience can rightly comprehend the demands which are made upon the Grand Master of such a large and important jurisdiction as ours. It is a responsibility which any man, however eminent, might shrink from undertaking. It requires a wisdom, patience, benevolence, justice and charity which I cannot claim to possess. But in this parting hour, when the relations of years are about to be severed, I beg you remember that it has been my earnest effort to give you, in return for your confidence in me, the best service in my power; and while I cannot claim to have realized my own high conception of what a Grand Master should be, I have constantly striven to do my duty to the best of my ability, and with an earnest devotion to your interests and those of the great Brotherhood to which we all belong.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 6th, A. L. 5882, as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read, when the following named Brethren were duly installed in their respective stations, for the ensuing Masonic year, in ancient and solemn form, viz.:

- Bro. CONRAD B. DAY, - - *R. W. Grand Master.*
 “ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, - *R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
 “ JOSEPH EICHBAUM, - - *R. W. Senior Grand Warden.*
 “ CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, *R. W. Junior Grand Warden.*
 “ THOMAS R. PATTON, - *R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
 “ MICHAEL NISBET, - - *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother CONRAD B. DAY, delivered the following address:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

Having been elevated by your suffrages to the most important, honorable, and exalted station in the gift of the Craft in this jurisdiction, that of “Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging,” I enter upon the discharge of the duties thereof, with a realizing sense of its cares and responsibilities, as well as of its honors and preferments.

I have no improvements to introduce, no new theories to advance, no isms to advocate; but will strive to conform to the Ancient Landmarks of the Fraternity, enforce and carry out the Rules, Regula-

tions and Edicts of this Grand Lodge as laid down in the Ahiman Rezon, and administer this high and important trust which you have committed to my care, so as to advance the interests of the Craft, and promote harmony throughout the entire jurisdiction.

The District Deputy Grand Masters, are the immediate representatives of the Grand Master in their respective Districts. The officers of Lodges in each district, will be required to address the District Deputy on all questions of Masonic jurisprudence which may arise.

Through him all communications which require the action of the Grand Master must be sent.

The District Deputies have been selected on account of their knowledge of Masonic law, and their familiarity with the work of the Craft, as recognized by this Grand Lodge.

It is not only expected of them, but they are enjoined to be zealous and diligent in the discharge of their various duties, and to make their decisions after careful and impartial deliberation, without fear or favor, always regarding the Ancient Landmarks and decisions of this Grand Lodge, paramount to any bonds of friendship or personal relations which may exist between themselves and those between whom they are called upon to decide.

They will perfect themselves in the work of the Craft as laid down by this Grand Lodge, so as to be

able to impart Masonic light and knowledge, whenever called upon to do so.

At the earliest time convenient for them to do it, they will convene the officers of the Lodges in their respective districts, for the purpose of instructing them in the work, and making such corrections therein as may be necessary.

A careful study of the Ahiman Rezon, by the Worshipful Masters and Officers of the subordinate Lodges, will relieve the Grand Master and the District Deputies of much of the labor now imposed upon them, in answering questions and making decisions upon subjects which are fully treated of in the Ahiman Rezon in such an intelligent manner as will enable Worshipful Masters to decide promptly and correctly most of the questions which arise in the government of their Lodges.

I would call the especial attention of the Worshipful Masters of subordinate Lodges to the law of this Grand Lodge in reference to receiving applications for initiation and membership from persons residing nearer to another Lodge, and would remind them that the law on this subject, as laid down in the Ahiman Rezon, must be strictly enforced, and they are responsible for every violation of said law in their Lodges, and will be held to a strict accountability therefor.

Worshipful Masters are fraternally urged to convene monthly in their Lodge or Committee rooms, the

elected and appointed officers of their Lodges, for the purpose of imparting instruction, and perfecting themselves in the "duties and business of their stations and places."

A perfect rendering of the work of the various degrees will add to their own pleasure during the meetings of their Lodges, as well as be a source of instruction and gratification to the Brethren who may be present at the meetings. The result of the work of the Lodge being done correctly, will be a large attendance of members at its meetings, many applications for initiation and membership, and greatly increased interest in its general welfare and prosperity.

Worshipful Masters are fraternally warned to be watchful of the growing disposition to violate the Landmark regarding the physical qualifications of applicants for initiation into the mystery of Freemasonry, and to jealously guard their Lodges against any infraction of the law on this subject.

The Landmark is clearly defined, and the penalty for violating a Landmark plainly set forth in the Ahiman Rezon, and that none of you may plead ignorance thereof, I call your attention to the decision of June 2, 1869, in reference to the Landmark on this subject, "No Master should take a 'prentice that is not the son of honest parents, a perfect youth without maim or defect in his body, and capable of learning the mysteries of the art." In every case of a

violation of this Landmark being brought to my attention and established, I shall promptly act by the power and authority in me vested, and strike the name of all such persons from the roll of the Lodge to which they may have been admitted, and bring the offending Brethren to trial before their own Lodge or the Grand Lodge.

When an applicant has been approved, and appears for initiation, and the Worshipful Master discovers that he is not physically perfect, and declines to initiate the applicant for this cause, his petition cannot be withdrawn, but all the facts of the case must be entered upon the minutes of the Lodge, and at once be reported to the Grand Secretary.

The applicant stands rejected on account of physical disqualification.

The Worshipful Master of a Lodge is responsible to this Grand Lodge, for the manner in which his Lodge is governed, and the various degrees are conferred. They will be held accountable for the work being done in accordance with the requirements of this Grand Lodge.

I would call the attention of the officers of the various Lodges meeting in this city and vicinity to the "Temple School of Instruction" as an available method of gaining Masonic light and knowledge, and of becoming familiar with the duties of their several stations.

During the past year I have had numerous meetings of the officers and instructors of the school for the purpose of instruction in the work, and if possible to have the work as taught therein conform in every particular to that recognized by the Grand Lodge as correct. I found them well skilled in the work, and commend them for their cheerful acquiescence in and submission to the corrections which were necessary, as well as for the patient industry, zeal and fidelity with which they have labored, to make the school an efficient help to the officers of the several Lodges which make up its membership. I shall endeavor during the coming year to give the school the attention that its importance demands, and see that the work of all the degrees is correctly rehearsed in conformity to the requirements of this Grand Lodge.

The office of the Grand Master will always be open for the purpose of giving instruction in the work, either by myself, or a Brother not only competent but willing to impart instruction, who esteems it a pleasure as well as a duty to do so.

Applications for permission to petition to Lodges of other jurisdictions for initiation and membership, by residents of this jurisdiction will not be granted, nor will privilege of this character be asked from sister jurisdictions by me, unless under very extraordinary circumstances.

The financial affairs of the Grand Lodge, as set forth

in the report of the Committee on Finance at the last Quarterly Communication, are in a most satisfactory condition. I trust that each and every member of the Craft throughout our jurisdiction, will remember that we are all bound by the highest obligations of honor and probity, to maintain the credit of the Grand Lodge unimpaired and free from blemish, and that the members of the Grand Lodge will strive to the utmost of their ability to increase our Sinking Fund as rapidly as possible.

I am exceedingly gratified at the action of the Grand Lodge in placing the total amount realized from the sale of the Chestnut Street Hall in the Sinking Fund, thus increasing it to about \$255,000. I would earnestly urge you to continue adding to this Fund, not only by the accruing interest, but by annual appropriations of the entire surplus of our revenues over and above our current expenses, so that when our present Grand Lodge Loan matures, we may be able to reduce the debt at least a half million dollars, by canceling that much of our loan with the assets of the Sinking Fund.

I am unwilling to see the affairs of this Grand Lodge conducted upon any other than that broad and liberal basis, which has heretofore distinguished it; at the same time I would recommend the practice of economy wherever possible to do so, and that we should not incur any unnecessary expense, or assume

any new obligations of a financial character, until our present debt is reduced, by the amount of the sum named by me, half a million dollars.

The rapidly increasing membership of this Grand Lodge, and the unwieldy proportions it is fast assuming must at no remote period call for some legislation which will either check this rapid increase in the number of its members, or else allow the legislation and management of its affairs to be committed to the representatives of the various Lodges.

I hope it may be far in the distant future when this latter may occur, and all interest in and responsibility for the affairs and business of our Grand Lodge shall be handed over solely to a representative system.

With a view of checking this rapid growth of membership, and of keeping up that individual interest in, and personal responsibility for, the welfare and management of our Grand Lodge, which distinguishes it so highly from many of our sister Grand Lodges, I would suggest for the consideration of subordinate Lodges, the propriety of re-electing their officers, so that they may serve for two years as Worshipful Master. The Lodge will gain by the experience of the Worshipful Master, and the Craft be benefited thereby; or else it may become necessary, to make a service of two years as Worshipful Master of a Lodge in this jurisdiction, a prerequisite for membership in this Grand Lodge.

The practice of electioneering for official honors, not only in subordinate Lodges, but in this Grand Lodge, has attracted the attention of every incoming Grand Master for many years past, and has received and merited their condemnation, which I heartily approve of, and concur in. The practice still continues, but I am inclined to think that a more healthy sentiment on this subject is beginning to prevail, and that personal solicitation for votes is becoming detrimental to the promotion of those who use this method for endeavoring to gain official advancement.

I hope it may soon cease entirely, and that in the selection of officers we may return to the practice of our Brethren as set forth in the "Extracts from the ancient records of Lodges beyond sea," to wit:

"All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the lords may be well served, the Brethren not put to shame, nor the royal Craft despised."

No person should be elected a Warden, who is incapable of doing all the work of the Lodge, and of eventually filling the station of Worshipful Master to the credit of himself and his Lodge, and to the honor of the Fraternity.

My Brethren, with this brief expression of my views on a few of the important subjects which pertain to our Craft in this jurisdiction, I enter upon the discharge of my duties, asking your cordial co-

operation and assistance in enforcing the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge; beseeching the "Great Grand Master" of the Grand Lodge above, to give me wisdom and discretion, to enable me faithfully to discharge every duty of my station, so as to advance the prosperity of the Craft, and retain unsullied the good name and fair fame of this Grand Lodge; that at the close of my official term, the same harmony, prosperity, and brotherly love may prevail, as now exists among you.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother CONRAD B. DAY, was pleased to announce the following appointments for the Masonic year commencing this day:

Grand Chaplains:

RT. REV. BRO. CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD, D.D., of
Pittsburgh.

REV. BRO. WILLIAM SUDDARDS, D.D., of Philadelphia.

" RICHARD H. ALLEN, D.D., of Philadelphia.

" J. J. McILYAR, D.D., of Pittsburgh.

" WILLIAM B. WOOD, D.D., of Philadelphia.

" JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D., of Philadelphia.

" JOHN S. J. McCONNELL, of Philadelphia.

" A. V. C. SCHENCK, D.D., of Philadelphia.

" SAMUEL HIRSCH, of Philadelphia.

" WILLIAM H. PLATT, of Lewistown.

" FRANK E. MILLER, of Easton.

" HENRY S. GETZ, of Philadelphia.

Senior Grand Deacon :

BRO. GEORGE S. GRAHAM, Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.

Junior Grand Deacon :

BRO. ROBERT E. PATTISON, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.

Grand Stewards :

BRO. JOHN SLINGLUFF, Lodge No. 190, Norristown.

“ JOHN W. LEE, Lodge No. 211, Kensington.

Grand Marshal :

BRO. GEORGE W. WOOD, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.

Grand Sword Bearer :

BRO. LOUIS M. CHASTEAU, Lodge No. 419, Philadelphia.

Grand Pursuivant :

BRO. ROBERT P. DECHERT, Lodge No. 274, Philadelphia.

Grand Tyler :

BRO. WILLIAM A. SINN, Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia.

Committee on Landmarks :

BRO. JOHN THOMSON, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ MICHAEL NISBET, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

WITH THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER and
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Committee on Appeals :

BRO. RICHARD VAUX, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ MICHAEL ARNOLD, Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia.

“ SAMUEL HARPER, Lodge No. 219, Pittsburgh.

BRO. WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG, Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia.

“ WILLIAM B. HANNA, Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia.

Committee on Finance :

BRO. JOHN C. YEAGER, Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia.

“ E. HARPER JEFFRIES, Lodge No. 186, Philadelphia.

“ JAMES HERDMAN, Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh.

“ EDWARD P. KINGSBURY, Lodge No. 291, Scranton.

“ GEORGE E. WAGNER, Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.

Committee on Correspondence :

BRO. RICHARD VAUX, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ HENRY M. HOYT, Lodge No. 61, Wilkesbarre.

“ PEARSON CHURCH, Lodge No. 408, Meadville.

“ WILLIAM DONALDSON, Lodge No. 224, Danville.

“ J. SIMPSON AFRICA, Lodge No. 300, Huntingdon.

Committee on By-Laws :

BRO. CHARLES H. KINGSTON, Lodge No. 114, Philadelphia.

“ FRED. W. LAUER, Lodge No. 62, Reading.

“ CHARLES CARY, Lodge No. 368, Philadelphia.

“ SAMUEL W. BROADBENT, Lodge No. 400, Jenkintown.

“ JAMES S. BARBER, Lodge No. 402, Philadelphia.

Committee on Printing and Publishing :

BRO. LOUIS WAGNER, Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.

“ THOMAS S. WOODBURY, Lodge No. 155, Philadelphia.

“ JOSEPH L. LEMBERGER, Lodge No. 226, Lebanon.

BRO. BERNARD E. LEHMAN, Lodge No. 283, Bethlehem.

" WILLIAM H. BELLOWS, Lodge No. 444, Philadelphia.

Committee on Temple :

BRO. WILLIAM J. KELLY, Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia.

" SAMUEL W. WRAY, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.

" EDWARD MATTHEWS, Lodge No. 187, Philad'a.

" HIBBERT P. JOHN, Lodge No. 369, Philadelphia.

" GODFREY KEEBLER, Lodge No. 487, Philadelphia.

Committee on Library :

BRO. CHARLES E. MEYER, Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia.

" M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ, Lodge No. 125, Philad'a.

" EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia.

" WILLIAM T. REYNOLDS, Lodge No. 126, Philad'a.

" JOHN L. YOUNG, Lodge No. 130, Philadelphia.

" J. FRANK KNIGHT, Lodge No. 271, Philadelphia.

" WILLIAM H. EGLE, Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.

Commissioners of Sinking Fund :

BRO. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

" SAMUEL B. DICK, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

" BENTON K. JAMISON, Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia.

" EDWARD T. STEEL, Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.

" HENRY M. DECHERT, Lodge No. 274, Philadelphia.

Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund :

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" JOSEPH J. WILLIAMS, " 3

" HENRY SNYDER, " 9

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- 6.—Brother THADDEUS S. ADLE, of Norristown, for the County of Montgomery (except Lodges Nos. 308, 400 and 410) and for Lodges Nos. 75, 446 and 553, in Chester County.
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- 14.—Brother ELBERT P. JONES, of Ariel, for the Counties of Wayne and Pike.
- 15.—Brother MICHAEL H. EISMAN, of Susquehanna, for the County of Susquehanna.
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- 17.—Brother HENRY W. WILLIAMS, of Wellsboro, for the County of Tioga.
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- 21.—Brother ELIAS W. HALE, of Bellefonte, for the Counties of Centre and Clearfield.
- 22.—Brother CHARLES L. WHEELER, of Bradford, for the Counties of Potter, McKean, Cameron and Elk.
- 23.—Brother JOHN M. CLAPP, of Tidioute, for the Counties of Warren, Venango and Forrest.
- 24.—Brother JOHN J. WADSWORTH, of Erie, for the County of Erie.
- 25.—Brother JAMES R. BARBER, of Titusville, for the County of Crawford.
- 26.—Brother MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, of Sharon, for the Counties of Mercer, Lawrence and Beaver.
- 27.—Brother WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion and Jefferson.
- 28.—Brother GETER C. SHIDLE, of Pittsburgh, for the County of Allegheny.
- 29.—Brother JAMES W. McDOWELL, of Washington, for the Counties of Washington and Greene, except Lodge No. 461, in Washington County, and Lodge No. 329, in Greene County.
- 30.—Brother IRVIN McFARLAND, of Indiana, for the Counties of Westmoreland and Indiana.
- 31.—Brother REECE W. BARNES, of Connellsville, for the Counties of Fayette and Somerset, and for Lodge No. 461, in Washington County, and Lodge No. 329, in Greene County.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary was pleased to appoint Brother CHARLES H. KINGSTON as Deputy Grand Secretary, which was approved by Grand Lodge.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX offered the following, which was unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, Right Worshipful SAMUEL B. DICK, Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, has this day closed his administration ;

AND WHEREAS, His faithful and diligent service in this exalted station has won for him the respect and confidence of the Grand Lodge ;

AND WHEREAS, It is due alike to this Grand Lodge and to its Grand Master that a record should be made of the feelings of the Craft at the retirement from the Chair of Brother DICK ; therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania offers to Right Worshipful Brother DICK its assurance of its sincere regard, and its sense of the fidelity and intelligence with which he has executed his high Masonic trust.

Resolved, That a copy of this minute be entered on the records of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Officers are requested to cause a copy thereof to be prepared and transmitted to Right Worshipful Brother SAMUEL B. DICK.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL B. DICK offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Publishing

be and they are hereby instructed, when printing the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, to print five hundred copies of Proceedings of Sesqui-Centennial.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 1 o'clock 15 minutes, P. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,

Grand Secretary.

A TABULAR STATEMENT

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| | | | NAME. | NO. | CITY OR TOWN. | COUNTY. |
| | | | | 2 | Philadelphia..... | Philadelphia. |
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| | | | Harmony | 52 | " | " |
| | | | Washington | 59 | " | " |
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| | | | Columbia..... | 91 | Philadelphia..... | " |
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| | | | Union | 121 | " | " |
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| | | Robert Burns..... | 464 | Harrisburg..... | " |
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| | | | Mount Carmel..... | 378 | Mount Carmel.... | " |
| | | | Watson town..... | 401 | Watson town..... | " |
| | | | Eureka..... | 404 | Northumberland.. | " |
| | | | Elysburg..... | 414 | Elysburg..... | " |
| | | | Cumberland Star.... | 197 | Carlisle..... | Cumberland. |
| | | | St. John's..... | 260 | " | " |
| | | | Eureka..... | 302 | Mechanicsburg.... | " |
| | | | Cumberland Valley.. | 315 | Shippensburg..... | " |
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| | | | George Washington.. | 143 | Chambersburg.... | Franklin. |
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| 4 | Isaac A. Elliott..... | York, York Co..... | Mount Pisgah..... | 443 | Green Castle..... | " |
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| | | | Zeredatha..... | 451 | York..... | " |
| | | | Riverside..... | 503 | Wrightsville..... | " |
| | | | Good Samaritan.... | 336 | Gettysburg..... | Adams. |
| | | | Hebron..... | 465 | York Springs..... | " |
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| 5 | James Barton, Jr. | Chester, Delaware Co..... | L. H. Scott..... | 352 | Chester..... | " |
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| | | | Williamson..... | 309 | Downingtown..... | Chester. |
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| | | | Howell..... | 405 | Honeybrook..... | " |
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| 7 | Edward H. Shearer | Reading, Berks Co..... | Williamson..... | 307 | Womelsdorf..... | " |
| | | | Teutonia..... | 367 | Reading..... | " |
| | | | Huguenot | 377 | Kutztown..... | " |
| | | | Vaux..... | 406 | Hamburg..... | " |
| | | | St. John's | 435 | Reading..... | " |
| | | | Union..... | 479 | Morgantown..... | " |
| | | | Reading | 549 | Reading..... | " |
| | | | Mount Lebanon | 226 | Lebanon..... | Lebanon. |
| | | | Bristol | 25 | Bristol..... | Bucks. |
| | | | Doylestown | 245 | Doylestown..... | " |
| | | | Newtown | 427 | Newtown..... | " |
| | | | Fort Washington .. | 308 | Fort Washington.. | Montgomery. |
| | | | Friendship..... | 400 | Jenkintown..... | " |
| | | | W. K. Bray..... | 410 | Hatboro'..... | " |
| 9 | Robert H. Lerch..... | Easton, Northampton Co..... | Easton | 152 | Easton..... | Northampton. |

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| 10 | Laird H. Barber..... | Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co..... | Bethlehem..... | 283 | Bethlehem..... | Northampton. |
| | | | Mount Bethel..... | 311 | Mount Bethel..... | " |
| | | | Dallas..... | 396 | Easton..... | " |
| | | | Manoquesy..... | 413 | Bath..... | " |
| | | | Barger..... | 325 | Stroudsburg..... | Monroe. |
| | | | Quakertown..... | 512 | Quakertown..... | Bucks. |
| | | | Carbon..... | 242 | Mauch Chunk..... | Carbon. |
| | | | Porter..... | 284 | Catasauqua..... | Lehigh. |
| | | | Lehigh..... | 326 | Trexlerstown..... | " |
| | | | Barger..... | 333 | Allentown..... | " |
| 11 | Christopher Little..... | Pottsville, Schuylkill Co..... | Slatington..... | 440 | Slatington..... | " |
| | | | Saucon..... | 469 | Coopersburg..... | " |
| | | | Greenleaf..... | 561 | Allentown..... | " |
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| | | | Schuylkill..... | 138 | Orwigsburg..... | Schuylkill. |
| | | | Pulaski..... | 216 | Pottsville..... | " |
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| | | | Anthracite..... | 285 | St. Clair..... | " |
| | | | Ashland..... | 294 | Ashland..... | " |
| | | | Mahanoy City..... | 357 | Mahanoy City..... | " |
| | | | Pine Grove..... | 409 | Pine Grove..... | " |
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| | | | Washington..... | 265 | Bloomsburg..... | Columbia. |

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| | | Knapp..... | 462 | Berwick..... | " |
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| | | Wyoming..... | 468 | Wyoming..... | " |
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| 13 Asa B. Stevens..... | Hyde Park, Lackawanna Co. | George M. Dallas... | 531 | Dallas..... | " |
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| | | Carbondale..... | 249 | Carbondale..... | Lackawanna. |
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| | | Union..... | 291 | Scranton..... | " |
| | | Waverly..... | 301 | Waverly..... | " |
| | | Peter Williamson.... | 323 | Scranton..... | " |
| | | Hyde Park..... | 339 | Hyde Park..... | " |
| | | Schiller..... | 345 | Scranton..... | " |
| | | Kingsbury..... | 466 | Olyphant..... | " |
| | | Moscow..... | 504 | Moscow..... | " |
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| 14 Elbert P. Jones..... | Ariel, Wayne Co..... | Nicholson..... | 438 | Nicholson..... | " |
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| | | Hawley..... | 305 | Hawley..... | " |
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| | | Mount Hermon..... | 472 | Pleasant Mount.... | " |
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| | | | Freedom..... | 328 | Jackson..... | " |
| | | | Great Bend..... | 338 | Great Bend..... | " |
| | | | Canawacta..... | 360 | Susquehanna Depot | " |
| | | | Clifford..... | 439 | Clifford..... | " |
| | | | Harford..... | 445 | Harford..... | " |
| | | | New Milford..... | 507 | New Milford..... | " |
| 16 | Charles E. Riggs..... | Canton, Bradford Co..... | Rural Amity..... | 70 | Athens..... | Bradford. |
| | | | Union..... | 108 | Towanda..... | " |
| | | | Evergreen..... | 163 | Monroeton..... | " |
| | | | Trojan..... | 306 | Troy..... | " |
| | | | Canton..... | 415 | Canton..... | " |
| | | | Roman..... | 418 | Rome..... | " |
| | | | Smithfield..... | 428 | East Smithfield.... | " |
| | | | LeRays..... | 471 | LeRaysville..... | " |
| | | | Dushore..... | 387 | Dushore..... | Sullivan. |
| | | | Temple..... | 248 | Tunkhannock..... | Wyoming. |
| | | | Franklin..... | 263 | Laceyville..... | " |
| 17 | Henry W. Williams..... | Wellsboro', Tioga Co..... | Friendship..... | 247 | Mansfield..... | Tioga. |
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| | | | Bloss..... | 350 | Blossburg..... | " |
| | | | Cowanesque..... | 351 | Knoxville..... | " |
| | | | Tioga..... | 373 | Tioga..... | " |
| | | | Osceola..... | 421 | Osceola..... | " |
| | | | Westfield..... | 477 | Westfield..... | " |
| 18 | Frederick H. Keller..... | Williamsport, Lycoming Co. | | 106 | Williamsport..... | Lycoming. |
| | | | La Belle Valle..... | 232 | Jersey Shore..... | " |

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| 19 | Edgar A. Tennis..... | Thompstontown, Juniata Co..... | Muncy Eureka..... Ivy..... Charity Mifflinburg La Fayette..... La Fayette Renovo..... Adams..... Newport..... Perry..... Lewistown..... McVeytown..... Milroy..... Union..... Lamberton..... Cambria..... Summit..... Johnstown Mount Moriah Portage..... Mountain..... Juniata..... Logan..... Tyrone..... Bedford..... Everett..... Woodbury..... Bellefonte..... Moshannon..... Old Fort Clearfield..... Noble..... | 299 335 397 144 370 194 199 495 319 381 458 203 376 492 324 371 278 312 538 300 220 281 282 490 494 320 524 539 268 391 537 314 480 | Muncy Borough... Montoursville.... Williamsport..... Lewisburg..... Mifflinburg..... Selin's Grove..... Lock Haven..... Renovo..... New Bloomfield... Newport..... Marysville..... Lewistown..... McVeytown..... Milroy..... Mifflintown..... Thompstontown... Johnstown..... Ebensburg..... Johnstown..... Huntingdon Holidaysburg..... Altoona..... Holidaysburg..... Altoona..... Tyrone..... Bedford..... Everett Borough... Woodbury..... Bellefonte..... Phillipsburg..... Centre Hall..... Clearfield..... Curwinsville..... | Lycoming. " " Union. " Snyder. Clinton. " Perry. " " Mifflin. " " Juniata. " Cambria. " " Huntingdon. Blair. " " " " Bedford. " " Centre. " " Clearfield. " |
| 20 | John H. Dibert..... | Johnstown, Cambria Co..... | | | | |
| 21 | Elias W. Hale..... | Bellefonte, Centre Co..... | | | | |

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| 22 | Charles L. Wheeler | Bradford, McKean Co..... | Osceola..... | 515 | Osceola Borough.. | Clearfield |
| | | | Garfield..... | 559 | DuBois | " |
| | | | Union | 334 | Bradford..... | McKean. |
| | | | McKean..... | 388 | Smethport..... | " |
| | | | Liberty..... | 505 | Port Allegany..... | " |
| | | | Northern Star | 555 | Duke Centre..... | " |
|  |  |  | ..... | 560 | Eldred..... | " |
| | | | Emporium | 382 | Emporium..... | Cameron. |
| | | | Driftwood..... | 532 | Driftwood..... | " |
| | | | Eulalia..... | 342 | Coudersport..... | Potter. |
| | | | Lewisville..... | 556 | Lewisville..... | " |
| | | | Elk..... | 379 | Ridgway..... | Elk. |
| | | | North Star..... | 241 | Warren | Warren. |
| | | | Columbus | 264 | Columbus | " |
| | | | Temple | 412 | Tidioute..... | " |
| | | | Stillwater..... | 547 | Sugar Grove..... | " |
| 23 | John M. Clapp..... | Tidioute, Warren Co..... | Myrtle | 316 | Franklin..... | Venango. |
| | | | Petrolia..... | 363 | Oil City..... | " |
| | | | Fraternal..... | 483 | Rouseville..... | " |
| | | | Pleasantville..... | 501 | Pleasantville..... | " |
| | | | Allegheny Valley... | 552 | Emlenton..... | " |
| | | | Olive..... | 557 | Tionesta..... | Forest. |
| | | | Western Star..... | 304 | Albion | Erie. |
| | | | Lake Erie..... | 347 | Girard..... | " |
| | | | Tyrian | 362 | Erie..... | " |
| | | | Corry..... | 365 | Corry..... | " |
| | | | Eureka..... | 366 | Union City..... | " |
| 24 | John J. Wadsworth | Erie, Erie Co..... | | | | |

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| 25 James R. Barber | Titusville, Crawford Co..... | Perry..... | 392 | Erie..... | Erie. |
| | | North East..... | 399 | North East..... | " |
| | | Oasis..... | 416 | Edinboro' | " |
| | | Waterford..... | 425 | Waterford..... | " |
| | | Keystone..... | 455 | Erie..... | " |
| | | Wattsburg..... | 533 | Wattsburg..... | " |
| | | Crawford..... | 234 | Meadville | Crawford. |
| | | Western Crawford... | 258 | Conneautville..... | " |
| | | Oil Creek..... | 303 | Titusville..... | " |
| | | Spartan | 372 | Spartansburg..... | " |
|  |  | ..... | 408 | Meadville | " |
| | | Shepherd..... | 463 | Titusville..... | " |
| | | Covenant..... | 473 | Cambridge Boro' .. | " |
| | | Pine..... | 498 | Linesville | " |
| | | Mahoning | 243 | New Castle..... | Lawrence. |
| | | Lodge of the Craft .. | 433 | " | " |
| | | Sharon..... | 250 | Sharon,..... | Mercer. |
| | | Eureka..... | 290 | Greenville..... | " |
| | | Kedron..... | 389 | West Middlesex... | " |
| | | Adelphic..... | 424 | Jamestown..... | " |
| | | Lake..... | 434 | Sandy Lake..... | " |
| | | Sharpsville..... | 517 | Sharpsville..... | " |
| | | Rochester | 229 | Rochester | Beaver. |
| | | Union..... | 259 | New Brighton..... | " |
| | | Meridian..... | 411 | Darlington..... | " |
| | | St. James | 457 | Beaver..... | " |
| | | Beaver Valley..... | 478 | Beaver Falls | " |
| 27 Wm. B. Meredith..... | Kittanning, Armstrong Co..... | Glasgow..... | 485 | Smith's Ferry..... | " |
| | | Butler..... | 272 | Butler..... | Butler. |
| | | Harmony | 429 | Harmony..... | " |
| | | Argyle..... | 540 | Petrolia..... | " |
| | | Kittanning..... | 244 | Kittanning..... | Armstrong. |
| | | Apollo..... | 437 | Apollo..... | " |
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| 28 | Geter C. Shidle..... | Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co..... | Parker City | 521 | Parker City | Armstrong. |
| | | | Hobah..... | 276 | Brookville..... | Jefferson. |
| | | | John W. Jenks..... | 534 | Punxsutawney | " |
| | | | John M. Read..... | 536 | Reynoldsville..... | " |
| | | | Clarion..... | 277 | Clarion..... | Clarion. |
| | | | Canby..... | 520 | St. Petersburg..... | " |
| | | | New Bethlehem | 522 | New Bethlehem..... | " |
|  |  |  | ..... | 550 | Edenburgh | " |
|  |  |  | ..... | 45 | Pittsburgh..... | Allegheny. |
| | | | St. John's..... | 219 | " | " |
| | | | Franklin..... | 221 | " | " |
| | | | Allegheny..... | 223 | Allegheny City..... | " |
| | | | Solomon's..... | 231 | Pittsburgh..... | " |
| | | | Washington..... | 253 | " | " |
| | | | Monongahela | 269 | " | " |
| | | | Milnor..... | 287 | " | " |
| | | | Jefferson..... | 288 | Allegheny City..... | " |
| | | | McKinley..... | 318 | " | " |
| | | | Hailman | 321 | East Liberty..... | " |
| | | | Davage..... | 374 | Allegheny City..... | " |
| | | | Aliquippa..... | 375 | McKeesport | " |
| | | | McCandless..... | 390 | Pittsburgh..... | " |
| | | | Stuckrath..... | 430 | Allegheny..... | " |
| | | | Zaradatha | 448 | Sharpsburg..... | " |
| | | | Pittsburgh..... | 484 | Pittsburgh..... | " |
| | | | | 489 | Allegheny City..... | " |

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| 29 | James W. McDowell..... | Washington, Washington Co. | Pollock..... | 502 | Tarentum..... | Allegheny. |
| | | | Dallas..... | 508 | Pittsburgh..... | " |
| | | | Germania..... | 509 | " | " |
| | | | Braddock's Field... | 510 | Braddock's Field.. | " |
| | | | Guyasuta..... | 513 | Temperanceville... | " |
| | | | Ionic..... | 525 | Allegheny City.... | " |
| | | | Stephen Bayard | 526 | Elizabeth..... | " |
| | | | Bellevue..... | 530 | Bellevue..... | " |
| | | | Oakland..... | 535 | Oakland..... | " |
| | | | Centennial..... | 544 | Mansfield | " |
| | | | Duquesne..... | 546 | East Liberty..... | " |
|  |  |  | ..... | 548 | Verona..... | " |
| | | | Washington..... | 164 | Washington..... | Washington. |
| | | | Chandler..... | 237 | Beallsville..... | " |
| | | | Chartiers..... | 297 | Canonsburg..... | " |
| | | | Henry M. Phillips .. | 337 | Monongahela City. | " |
| | | | Richard Vaux..... | 454 | Burgettstown..... | " |
| | | | Independence..... | 488 | Independence..... | " |
| | | | Waynesburg..... | 153 | Waynesburg..... | Greene. |
| | | | Clarksville..... | 403 | Clarksville..... | " |
| | | | Eureka..... | 514 | Steph. White's Mills | " |
| | | | Philanthropy..... | 225 | Greensburg..... | Westmoreland. |
| | | | Loyalhanna..... | 275 | Latrobe..... | " |
| | | | Fort Ligonier..... | 331 | Ligonier..... | " |
| | | | Westmoreland..... | 518 | Greensburg..... | " |
| | | | Marion..... | 562 | Scottdale..... | " |
| | | | Indiana..... | 313 | Indiana..... | Indiana. |
| | | | Acacia..... | 355 | Blairsville..... | " |
| | | | Williamson..... | 431 | Saltsburg..... | " |
| | | | Brownsville..... | 60 | Brownsville..... | Fayette. |
| | | | Fayette..... | 228 | Uniontown..... | " |
| | | | Gummert..... | 252 | Fayette City | " |
| 30 | Irvin McFarland..... | Indiana, Indiana Co..... | | | | |
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| 31 | Reece W. Barnes | Connellsville, Fayette Co..... | | | | |
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| | | | King Solomon | 346 | Connellsville | Fayette. |
| | | | Valley | 459 | Masontown | " |
| | | | Somerset | 358 | Somerset | Somerset. |
| | | | Meyersdale | 554 | Meyersdale | " |
| | | | Monongahela Valley. | 461 | Greenfield | Washington. |

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

FOR THE YEAR 1882.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE :

THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE for the year 1882, consisting of the following Brethren: CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, CHARLES D. FREEMAN, Hon. PEARSON CHURCH, Hon. WILLIAM DONALDSON, and RICHARD VAUX, Past Grand Master, by its *Chairman*, presents the following report:

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother MICHAEL NISBET, has transmitted to your Committee the Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania holds fraternal intercourse, that is to say:

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| ALABAMA, 1881 | ENGLAND, 1881-82 |
| CANADA, 1881-82 | FLORIDA, 1882 |
| COLON AND CUBA, . 1881-82 | GEORGIA, 1882 |
| COLORADO, 1882 | IDAHO, 1882 |
| CONNECTICUT, . . 1881-82 | ILLINOIS, 1882 |
| DAKOTA, 1882 | INDIANA, 1882 |
| DELAWARE, 1881 | INDIAN TERRITORY, 1874-82 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1881 | IOWA, 1882 |

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| IRELAND, 1882 | NEW JERSEY, 1882 |
| KANSAS, 1882 | NEW MEXICO, 1881-82 |
| KENTUCKY, 1881-82 | NEW YORK, 1882 |
| LOUISIANA, 1882 | NORTH CAROLINA, . . 1881 |
| MAINE, 1882 | NOVA SCOTIA, 1882 |
| MANITOBA, 1879-82 | OHIO, 1882 |
| MARYLAND, 1882 | OREGON, 1882 |
| MASSACHUSETTS, . . . 1881-82 | RHODE ISLAND, . . . 1881 |
| MICHIGAN, 1881-82 | SCOTLAND, 1882 |
| MINNESOTA, 1882 | SOUTH CAROLINA, . . 1881 |
| MISSISSIPPI, 1882 | TENNESSEE, 1882 |
| MISSOURI, 1881-82 | TEXAS, 1882 |
| MONTANA, 1881 | UTAH, 1881-82 |
| NEBRASKA, 1881-82 | VERMONT, 1882 |
| NEVADA, 1881-82 | WASHINGTON TERR., 1882 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK, . . . 1881-82 | WISCONSIN, 1881-82 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE, . . . 1881-82 | WYOMING, 1881 |

Reviewing the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania holds fraternal relations, and discussing those questions of general interest to the Craft which thus arise, is a duty both responsible and important. It demands a clear perception of the subjects; a comprehensive knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence; an unbiased judgment; a devotion to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry; a calm and generous spirit; an earnest desire to discover truth; the courage of enlightened convictions, and that true courtesy which restrains dogmatic criticism, and acknowledges that infallibility is not the attribute of human reason. It is then rather a judicial than a critical examination, or, better to express it, a judicial rather than a mere critical treatment of the questions which are suggested.

The performance of this duty therefore should be elevated to the domain of philosophic inquiry.

New discussions should seek the higher aim of eliciting the surest interpretation of what is in doubt—unfolding the truth, preserving the traditions from the corrosion of error; breaking off the rough edges of antagonisms, purifying the teachings from innovations, and removing the dross and reprobate silver from ancient and time-honored principles, and maintaining in all their primal vigor and original force the indisputable Landmarks of Freemasonry.

With such a purpose the dignity of this duty would be made manifest. That it is now especially needed is hardly to be denied. There can be no more cherished aim than to prevent the Masonic character from degenerating.

The tendency of these days is to drag down what is held to be established on ancient foundations to the level of that commonplace superficiality which pretends to judge what it cannot understand.

The tests which are now most in harmony with these iconoclastic efforts are popular, because they are destructive.

To create, demands intellectual and moral power.

To destroy, is the effect only of applied force.

It is of signal importance to present to the present time the majestic proportions of our eternal principles, to surround them with preservative powers, to dignify their claim on the homage of our veneration, and re-endow them with continued and enduring vitality by the faith we hold, as aforetime manifested and proclaimed.

This might almost be said to be a sacred trust. This noble contribution on our part to the perpetuation of Freemasonry in its primary purity and perfection, is but the expression of

the true appreciation of those obligations which hallowed their acceptance.

Their reaffirmance will enlighten our conscience to regard as a solemn duty what might else be regarded as a perfunctory service.

Intercommunication between the designated representatives of Grand Lodges partakes in a large degree of the subjective discussion of organic principles. There are instances not a few in these interrelations, when questions of indisputable importance demand consideration. To treat them as of only local significance is impossible; they belong to the vitality of Freemasonry. To discuss them as casual causes for differences of opinion may engender incredulity of essential truths.

It becomes of the highest consequence that the faith in fundamentals should not be in jeopardy because these questions are not met by the fullest investigation, and the most positive expression of opinion. To reach this, study and experience, theoretic and objective, practical and philosophic knowledge and wisdom are needed.

To elevate to this standard the character of these intercommunications is desirable. It is easy of accomplishment when it shall be understood by the common consent of the Grand Lodges that such requirements are expected of their appointed representatives—on Committees of Foreign Correspondence—then there will be no difficulty in securing them. It will be a motive for gaining these qualifications that they are recognized, and brought into service.

It is to be feared that the mere work of the floor, and the usual and routine proceedings of Grand Lodge Communications, in these days of naked practical utilitarianism,

may take from Freemasonry its solemn, hoary and esoteric characteristics. In these hidden mysteries are enshrined its very life and its existence.

That the Temple shall not be profaned, its treasury of great truths despoiled, the spirit of modern destructiveness admitted within the veil, the standard on which is emblazoned its history, its virtues, triumphs, dignity and majesty, its relations to the past ages and all its wonderful achievements lowered to the level of modern instances, we thus earnestly and respectfully speak at this time. May we be permitted reverently to adopt the language in this connection aforetime addressed to the Philippians: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report—think of these things."

We salute our Brethren of the Grand Lodges to whom we speak in the fullness of Masonic faith and the overflowing outcome of Masonic fraternity.

Brethren, let us reverence the past for its teachings in Freemasonry; stand steadfast to the faith which binds in bonds our Fraternity; revere the traditions; swerve neither to the right hand nor to the left from the indestructible landmarks; reject the suggestions of innovation; refuse to listen to the voice of controversy or contention; be satisfied with what our fathers established; be of one mind and be content.

Let us avoid "foolish questions and strivings about the law," holding the mystery of Freemasonry in a pure conscience, "be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines," continue in the things which have been learned.

Beware lest any man spoil us through philosophy and vain deceit after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, to impair our abiding confidence in the mysteries of Freemasonry.

Thus it is, Brethren of Committees on Correspondence, we venture, in all humility, but with earnest zeal to address you. Laboring for the prosperity and perpetuity of our holy Brotherhood, be full of charity lest you condemn us for our present salutation to you-wards.

If out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh, so it is in the abounding of our desire that the glory of our inheritance in Masonry may not be dimmed, that we pour out to you, dear Brethren, the thoughts we now address to you.

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ALABAMA.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, city of Montgomery, December 5, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother HENRY CLAY TOMPKINS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Grand Master TOMPKINS delivered his annual address, the introductory paragraphs of which give us sincere satisfaction. We heartily commend the sentiments he expresses. The rest of his address is confined to matters pertaining to his own Grand Lodge. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge on December 6th, 1881, our Worshipful Brother OLIVER S. BEERS, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, delivered a special report on the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales. We have read this special report with great attention, and we fail to appreciate the argument on which our

esteemed Brother bases his resolution to recognize that so-called Grand Lodge.

At the meeting of December 7th, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made their report on the power of seven Master Masons to open a subordinate Lodge and transact business. We fully agree with the Committee that no Lodge can be opened unless the Master or one of the Wardens is present, with the Charter of the Lodge, unless the Right Worshipful Grand Master grants a dispensation to a Past Master or other Brother whom he may designate, to open the Lodge, with the Charter. The Charter of the Lodge is in the possession of the Master, and if he be unable to be present he hands it to his Senior Warden, or in his absence to the Junior Warden, and in the absence of all, no Lodge can be opened, or work done, without a dispensation to that effect from the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by our esteemed Brother BEERS. Worshipful Brother BEERS extracts from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges he reviews, and especially from the reports of the several Committees on Foreign Correspondence, all the Masonic marrow that appears to be in them, and does it well. His report is an able one, and let us add, calm, conservative and cautious. He has the faculty of thinking, which, let us just here remark, is by no means at the present day common to either all Masons or other men. We thank him cordially for his notice of Pennsylvania, and pray him to believe we are sincerely gratified with his personal notice of ourself.

Most Worshipful Brother RUFUS WILLS COBB, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communications held at Belleville, October 4, 1881; at Salford, June 14, 1882; at Simcoe,

July 1, 1882; and also Twenty-seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at city of London, July 12-13, 1882.

Special Communication, held at Belleville. Right Worshipful Brother L. H. HENDERSON, acting Grand Master; Brother W. L. HAMILTON, as Grand Secretary. The purpose of the Communication was to lay the corner-stone of Christ Church, city of Belleville.

Special Communication, held at Salford. Most Worshipful Brother JAMES MOFFAT, Grand Master, on the throne; Right Worshipful Brother J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary. This Communication was held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Church.

Special Communication, held at Simcoe. Same Grand Officers as above. This was also held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Church. The address of the Grand Master at these ceremonies was especially appropriate.

Twenty-seventh Annual Grand Communication was held at the city of London, July 12, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother JAMES MOFFAT, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's annual address is very full on domestic questions, but contains nothing that needs special reference as to other jurisdictions. There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother DANIEL S. SPRY, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. J. MASON Grand Secretary.

COLON AND CUBA.

PROCEEDINGS of this Grand Lodge from April 3, 1881, to April 16, 1882, inclusive. Most Worshipful Brother ANTONIO GOVIN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother AURELIUS ALMEIDA, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

PROCEEDINGS of Emergent Communication, held at the Hall of South Pueblo Lodge, May 26, 1882. Brother SAMUEL H. BOWMAN, *proxy* for the Most Worshipful Grand Master; Brother W. W. STRAIT, as Grand Secretary. This Communication was held for the purpose of dedicating a new Masonic Temple.

Emergent Communication, held at Gunnison, for the purpose of laying corner-stone of a public school-house in the city of Gunnison. Brother O. P. ABERCROMBIE, *as* Most Worshipful Grand Master; Brother JOHN J. DONNELLY, *as* Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Denver, December 19, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT A. QUILLIAN, Grand Master; Brother EDWARD G. PARMALEE, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address refers to the laying of two corner-stones—one of the City Hall of Denver, and the other of the new Court-House at Buena Vista, of which no record appears in the pamphlet before us.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, though without a signature, was, as we doubt not, from our esteemed Brother LAURENCE N. GREENLEAF, since the supplemental report is signed by him. Brother GREENLEAF prides himself upon his power of condensation; the regular and supplemental reports proclaim this praise as eminently due him. He has wasted no time in his work, and probably belongs to that ever memorable class of workmen who gained the penny, having been called at the eleventh hour. No criticism is made, however, in this record, that the work was not well done. As (they) say out West, "How high is this?" Most Worshipful Brother FRANK CHURCH was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother EDWARD G. PARMALEE, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

PROCEEDINGS of Emergent Communication, held at Broad Brook, November 16, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother JAMES McCORMICK, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE LEE, *as* Grand Secretary. This Communication was held for the purpose of dedicating the Hall of Oriental Lodge No. 111.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninety-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at city of Hartford, January 18, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother JAMES McCORMICK, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JAS. K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address contains nothing to notice except his remarks under the title, "Grand Lodge of New York." At the meeting of the Grand Lodge, held January 19, 1882, the Committee on New York controversy made a report, which was accepted and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. As this subject has received the attention of the several Grand Lodges of the United States, and as we in a former report fully considered the question in controversy between these Grand Lodges, and expressed our view of the Masonic law relating thereto in very decided language, we feel justified in quoting this report at length. The resolutions which the Committee reported to the Grand Lodge, and which were adopted by it, so fully confirm our view of the law, that we venture to hope that the question at issue thus determined by these Grand Lodges will be *stare decisis*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW YORK CONTROVERSY.

"The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master as relates to the differences existing between the Grand Lodge of New York and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, respectfully report:

"The action of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its last annual Communication, in unanimously withdrawing its edict

of non-intercourse with this Grand Lodge, is a matter of profound congratulation, inasmuch as it removes all obstacles to the full and fair consideration of the matter in controversy between the two Grand Lodges, and evinces a confidence in the fairness and justice of this Grand Lodge which should be met in a spirit of conciliation and fraternal kindness.

“It is not necessary to again rehearse the story of this unfortunate complication. Admitting the truth of the statement of facts presented in the complaint of the Grand Lodge of New York, though some of them were not known to either Grand Lodge at the time of the alleged grievance, and though the record is incomplete, in that it omits many facts which had an important bearing upon the action of this Grand Lodge, we find it made the basis of three claims, viz :

“‘1st. That the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in deciding “that the two Brethren, KNIGHT and WOODWARD, who while members of Webotuck Lodge, became petitioners for the charter of Hamilton Lodge No. 54, and legally members of said Hamilton Lodge, and that the membership of said Brethren in Webotuck Lodge was severed when said charter was granted,” usurped the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Lodge of New York. For by no other authority than the Grand Lodge of New York, could it be decided whether the membership of said Brethren had or had not been severed from Webotuck Lodge.

“‘2. That the assumption of exclusive sovereignty over members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, but who reside in Connecticut, which has been exercised in the case in controversy, and which in the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut the present (last) year it claims the right to exercise, cannot be maintained without a subversion of all the principles which govern Lodge membership.

“‘3d. That WILLIAM W. KNIGHT and RALPH K. WOODWARD are now and have been since the granting of the renewal of the charter to Hamilton Lodge, No. 54, by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, members of Webotuck Lodge, No. 480, under this jurisdiction, notwithstanding any act or decision of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.’

“And the Grand Lodge of New York asks that these claims be submitted to the arbitration of Sister Grand Lodges.

“The first and last of these claims are substantially the same, and in them lies the gist of the complaint against this Grand Lodge. And on this, the vital point of the controversy between us, the position of this Grand Lodge, taken under a misunderstanding of the law of the Grand Lodge of New York, has been misconstrued by our New York Brethren. It seems to be the belief of the Grand Lodge of New York that the intent and purpose of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut is to extend the operation of its own laws into the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York. But the Grand Lodge of Connecticut has never assumed, but has in fact distinctly disclaimed that its laws are operative beyond its own territory; nor has it been claimed that any act of this Grand Lodge (except in matters of discipline) could affect the membership of New York Lodges, except so far as such act was provided for by, and gave effect to a law of the Grand Lodge of New York, or in the absence of such law, to some principle generally recognized by Grand Lodges. The law of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut provides that the granting of a charter severs the former Lodge relations of the petitioners, and it believed that the law of the Grand Lodge of New York, properly construed, was to the same effect; and that both were in consonance with the general practice of Grand Lodges. Acting under this belief, which was strengthened and confirmed by the fact that the Grand Lodge of New York had repeatedly applied the same principle to the cases of members of Connecticut Lodges petitioning for charters in its jurisdiction, and by the further fact that the Committee of the Grand Lodge of New York had, in 1877, reported that ‘the case was not within the letter of the law,’ the Grand Lodge of Connecticut assumed that the membership of WOODWARD and KNIGHT with Webotuck Lodge was severed when the charter of Hamilton Lodge was granted. While this assumption was perhaps unnecessary, it was not in the opinion of your Committee, in view of these facts, entirely without grounds. But the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, as it clearly stated last year, most fully recognizes the right of the Grand Lodge of New York to interpret its own laws, and neither claims for itself or any other Grand Lodge, the right to question that interpretation. It also concedes the claim made by the Grand Lodge of New York, that membership in a New York Lodge can only be acquired, or, except in case of discipline, terminated by the operation of a law of the Grand Lodge of

New York, but holds that the same principle applies as well to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

“Conceding these principles, it of course follows that, as the Grand Lodge of New York insists that the act of granting a charter to members of its Lodges residing in other jurisdictions does not, under its law, sever the former Lodge relations of the parties, and that it has never consented and does not now consent that WOODWARD and KNIGHT shall terminate their membership with Webotuck Lodge, except in the manner provided by its own laws, the said Brethren are now, and have been since the granting of the charter to Hamilton Lodge, members of Webotuck Lodge, and will so continue to be until such membership is terminated in accordance with the law of the Grand Lodge of New York.

“In respect to the claim of the Grand Lodge of New York, that the assumption of ‘exclusive sovereignty’ by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, as expressed in the resolution adopted at the last annual Communication, cannot be maintained, it may be said that a broader interpretation has been placed upon this assertion by the New York Brethren than was intended. It should be interpreted and limited by the context, and is not to be construed as asserting the right of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to interfere with the Lodge relations of members of New York Lodges. The same significance should be given to it as to the similar declaration of the Grand Lodge of New York, made in 1880, in these words: ‘The Grand Lodge of New York insists that its jurisdiction over the affairs of Ancient Craft Masonry, within the limits of said State, is absolute and *exclusive*.’ Both Grand Lodges doubtless meant to assert the same principle.

“Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Connecticut hereby expresses its great gratification at the withdrawal by the Grand Lodge of New York of its edict of non-intercourse with this Grand Lodge, and cordially reciprocates the desire of the Grand Lodge of New York for the restoration of harmonious relations between the two Grand Lodges.

“*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge disclaims any desire or intent of subverting or interfering with the operation of any of the laws of the Grand Lodge of New York, in the matter complained of, or of giving to its own laws any extra territorial force or effect.

“Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, in assuming that the granting of a charter to Hamilton Lodge, No. 54, severed the membership with Webotuck Lodge of such of the petitioners as were members of said Lodge, acted under a misconstruction of the laws of the Grand Lodge of New York, and does hereby withdraw such assumption, and concedes that it was without force or effect to disturb the relations of such members of Webotuck Lodge.

“Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approves and endorses the claim of the Grand Lodge of New York that membership in any Lodge can only be acquired or terminated by the operation of the law of the Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction such Lodge is situated, except in case of discipline for Masonic offenses.

“Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby expresses its earnest hope that the Grand Lodge of New York will accept this action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as a full and final settlement of the vexed question which has so long disturbed the peace of the Brethren of neighboring jurisdictions, and that fraternal relations may be fully restored between them.

“Fraternally submitted,

*“EDMUND TWEEDY,
“JOHN H. BARLOW,
“ASA SMITH.”*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by our most esteemed and respected Brother J. K. WHEELER, bears the mark of his vigorous pen. In his notice of Missouri, we hand him over to the dissecting knife of that Professor of Masonic Anatomy, Most Worshipful Brother VINCIL. His notice of Pennsylvania leads us to infer that he has been lately reading up Egyptian history, present Egyptian history, or more correctly speaking, the history of modern Egypt. We think so, from his lavish use of the word *“fellah.”* But, nevertheless, he is very kind, very frank, and his report is exceedingly interesting.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES McCORMICK was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary.

Post scriptum.—We have received an advance copy of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for the year 1882. Out of regard and respect for our Right Worshipful Brother, J. K. WHEELER, Chairman of that Committee, we take great pleasure in giving the results of our careful reading of his most admirable paper. His review of the labors of the correspondence committees of the several Grand Lodges contained in the pamphlet he sends us, is elaborate. We fear the precedent he has given might tend to change the character of these annual reports, and make them digests. That is not to be desired. When the decisions of Grand Masters and the opinions of Committees on Correspondence are collated and criticised, there is created an informal and unauthoritative analysis of local teachings that may, or may not, be of any positive general value to the Craft. The systems of administering Masonic administrations are of necessity varied and various. The immediate influence of local opinions goes very far to give a direction to Grand Lodge and Grand Master's action in special cases. Once report in this form these Masonic eccentricities, it tends to become an instigation to adapting them, or some of them, to proceedings in other jurisdictions in which they would be alien to the spirit of the method there established. This soon leads to innovations. It is at all events a pathway made for the bringing in of strange and unusual Masonic propositions. We fear this is a snare. We regard it as not unlikely to interject novelties. However wise and prudent it may be in the jurisdiction that has created any of these particular rules for its government, the wisdom and prudence of applying them elsewhere, especially when the reasons and motives are not coincident, is questionable, very. Of course we now refer to special, or it may be, peculiar or artificial methods only, of Grand Lodge administration. It is to these, that notice in reports of Committees of Correspondence is so often attracted. When the landmarks, the fundamental rules, the indestructible principles of Freemasonry, are

involved, then it is the duty of committees to discuss what may even seem to be violations of them, or endangering their integrity. This we fully accept as imperative on committees. All else to us is outside the high duty of such committees.

We thus write because our distinguished Brother WHEELER has made his report so charming, so attractive, so impressive, that we feel, after reading it, that this humble and respectful warning may not be out of place. Were it not so, we would have been silent. Brother WHEELER's paper is most seductive in the style he adopts, and this carries with it a power of persuasion that is hard to resist. Our distinguished Brother will pardon us for these words of comment. His position in the Craft gives him so great an influence, his Masonic learning and his marked and significant ability as a writer carries with it so much weight, that we well know any criticisms of ours will be futile, except, it may be only this, to cause others to consider our poor suggestions. What our esteemed Brother says of Pennsylvania is so gratifying, that we beg to express to him our fraternal pleasure; and, let us add, as the last word, our individual pride, Masonic pride, a virtue in this instance at least, at his notice of ourself.

DAKOTA.

PROCEEDINGS of Eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at Watertown, June 13, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS H. BROWN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful CHAS. T. MCCOY, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address contains but one point which we desire to notice, and this is with reference to physical qualifications for membership. We disagree with our Most Worshipful Brother.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is

from the pen of our Worshipful Brother WILLIAM BLATT, Chairman of the Committee. We would Brother BLATT would write more fully. We trust he will in future give his views more at length upon many questions to which he does not refer at all in this report. Some of the views, however, he does express, we hope he will, on reflection, modify.

We tender him our fraternal salutations.

Most Worshipful Brother OSCAR S. GIFFORD, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHAS. T. MCCOY, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventy-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Wilmington, October 5th and 6th, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother JOSEPH W. H. WATSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. S. HAYS, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master made an address, of which no notice from us at this time appears to be necessary.

Most Worshipful Brother JOSEPH W. H. WATSON, was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. S. HAYS, Grand Secretary.

Although their minutes show that copies of the various Grand Lodge Proceedings were placed in the hands of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence: Brothers WM. W. LOBDELL, Chairman; ALFRED D. WARNER, COM. J. HALL, CHAS. C. KING and DANIEL MCCLINTOCK, we sincerely regret that this Committee prepared no report, or at least no report appears in these Grand Lodge Proceedings.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Stated Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C., January 12, 1881. Most Wor-

shipful Brother NOBLE D. LARNER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. R. SINGLETON, Grand Secretary.

Special Communication, held January 31, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother NOBLE D. LARNER, Grand Master; Brother LEVIS G. STEPHENS, *as* Grand Secretary.

Special Communication, held March 29, 1881. Same Grand Officers.

Semi-annual Communication, held May 11, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother NOBLE D. LARNER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. R. SINGLETON, Grand Secretary. On the minutes of this Communication we find this note:

A Brother moved "that the Tyler's oath, as laid down in MACKAY'S 'Jurisprudence' be adopted, which motion was passed."

And again, we find, "On motion it was ordered that the Tyler's oath be placed in the possession of the Grand Lecturer, to be disseminated to the different Lodges."

Since Grand Lodge officers are installed in public in several places, and subordinate Lodge officers are installed in public in other places, and Tyler's oaths are *disseminated* in still other places, how long will it be before electric lights will be used in magic lanterns, to develop in public streets in front of Masonic Halls, THE MYSTERIES OF FREEMASONRY? Within the line of our duty, expressing our convictions of right, we desire to condemn emphatically the spirit of innovation, which, restless like the surging of the sea, is infatuated with the desire to make public the essences and the mysteries which have been hidden in the Craft since the aforetime.

Special Communication, June 26, 1881. Same Grand Officers.

Special Communication, July 29, 1881. Same Grand Officers.

Resumed Special Communication, August 1, 1881. Same Grand Officers.

Annual Communication, held November 9, 1881. Same Grand Officers.

Grand Master LARNER made his annual address. He says he has been called upon to ask the Grand Master of Maryland to ask permission for one of our Lodges to receive an application from an applicant residing in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, because the applicant resides nearer to a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia than to a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

We think very great care should be taken in considering any such application, and we think it ought always to be denied.

Installation Communication, held December 27, 1881, when Most Worshipful Brother NOBLE D. LARNER was installed Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. R. SINGLETON, Grand Secretary.

Our esteemed Brother SINGLETON, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, in his report is as critical as he is careful. If our esteemed Brother wishes a public meeting to adopt a uniform code for Grand Lodges, that is one thing; if this public meeting and this code are to be without authority, controlling or directory, that is another thing. We salute our Brother in the bonds of Masonic fraternity.

Most Worshipful Brother NOBLE D. LARNER was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. R. SINGLETON, Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, December 7, 1881. Right Worshipful Brother Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Provincial

Grand Master of Middlesex, *as* Grand Master; Very Worshipful Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Appeals was taken up, read and adopted.

Quarterly Communication held March 1, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother the Rt. Hon. the EARL OF CARNARVON, Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, on the Throne; Very Worshipful Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

A letter appears on the minutes from Brother R. J. LOWELL, thanking the Grand Lodge of England for its expression of sympathy for the untimely death of the late President of the United States, and expressing sympathy with the widow and family, and with the Fraternity of Freemasons.

Special Communication, held March 15, 1882. H. R. H. the PRINCE OF WALES, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on the Throne; Very Worshipful Col. S. H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

*The Communication was called by H. R. H. the PRINCE OF WALES to express the regret of the Grand Lodge at the recent "atrocious outrage committed on Her Majesty."

Annual Grand Festival, held April 26, 1882, the Rt. Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM, Deputy Grand Master, on the Throne; Very Worshipful Col. S. H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

H. R. H. the PRINCE OF WALES was re-elected Grand Master, he was installed, and a banquet followed.

FLORIDA.

PROCEEDINGS of Fifty-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Jacksonville, January 17, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother WM. G. ANDERSON Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother ALBION W. KNIGHT *as* Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is very short, but it contains this sentiment, which, from its wisdom, we quote:

"From a personal experience as Master of a Lodge, extending over many years, I can assure you of the excellent results that attend an earnest effort to educate your Brethren fully in Masonic law. Remember, Worshipful Brethren, that the acceptance of the office of Master, carries with it an obligation to perfect yourselves in all matters upon which light and instruction are needed. At your regular meetings, when you have spare time, read aloud in your Lodges the Constitution, the Grand Lodge reports, or some standard work on Masonic Jurisprudence, encourage discussion and comparison of ideas. It will add zest to your meetings, will stimulate and interest your members, and will give them a familiarity with Masonic law and precedents, which will enlarge their views and result in benefit to them and to your Lodges."

Most Worshipful Brother WM. G. ANDERSON was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Second Biennial Communication, held October 31, 1882, at the Masonic Temple, Macon. Most Worshipful Brother JOSIAH I. WRIGHT, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master WRIGHT's address is a most interesting paper. He takes advanced ground on what are so-called moral questions among the profane. He fully realizes the function of Grand Master, and arrested a warrant of a subordinate Lodge, because the Lodge failed "as a Lodge to observe and enforce the rules, regulations and teachings of the Order." It would be well if other Grand Masters possessed, in many cases, the same conception of the high trust imposed on them.

Grand Master WRIGHT under the caption "other Grand Lodges" refers to some matters that are new to us, and to others that have been fully considered heretofore. In a supplemental report to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master states that he had suspended certain Brethren, "Worshipful Masters" of Lodge 73 and Lodge 206, "for un-Masonic conduct."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, Grand Secretary. It is a short résumé, or a bird's-eye view of the pamphlet copies containing the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges.

We are happy to receive the copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. We have not had that pleasure since 1880, and the meetings being biennial, explain the reason. Most Worshipful Brother JOSIAH I. WRIGHT was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

PROCEEDINGS of Fifteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Boise City, September 12, 13 and 14, 1882. Right Worshipful Brother L. F. CARTEE, Deputy Grand Master, presiding; Right Worshipful Brother JAS. H. WICKERSHAM, Grand Secretary.

There is no address from the Grand Master, owing probably to his absence. The annual report of the Grand Secretary refers to the invitation received from Brother MICHAEL NISBET, inviting the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge to be present at the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and also a statement by the Grand Lodge that he had received the Proceedings of certain Grand Lodges, Pennsylvania included, and forwarded them to Past Grand

Master Brother E. A. STEVENSON, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. There is no report from that Committee. The pamphlet before us contains no other matter that we feel called upon to notice.

Most Worshipful Brother L. F. CARTEE was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JAS. WICKERSHAM, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

PROCEEDINGS of Forty-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Chicago, October 3, 4 and 5, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother WM. H. SCOTT, Grand Master; Brother LOYAL M. MUNN, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is very full, and appears to cover every question that claimed his official notice.

A special report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from Worshipful Brother JOHN W. BROWN, Chairman, recognized the so-called Grand Lodge of Arizona. We would just ask Brother BROWN, when he uses the words in his report, "it is duly represented to us that all of the Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in the Territory of Arizona have united in forming and constituting a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the jurisdiction," if he means to imply that he has received "*lawful Masonic information*" that these Lodges have received the consent of their several mother Grand Lodges, to sever their allegiance with them, and take charters from the new Grand Lodge, and that the several mother Grand Lodges have recognized this new Grand Lodge? This so-called Grand Lodge of Arizona may be "*legally constituted*," but our most distinguished Brother BROWN gives us no evidence that it has been *lawfully* constituted, according to Masonic jurisprudence, as we think.

The oration of Right Worshipful Brother OWEN SCOTT, Grand Orator, on "Masonry, its Ritualism, its Realities and its Results," is an admirable production.

The report of our Right Worshipful Brother JOHN WASHINGTON BROWN, Chairman of the Committee, we read with great interest, especially his "Introductory," "Grand Lodge Sovereignty," and more especially "Points." His report is a very able one, and we congratulate the Craft everywhere that so brilliant a Masonic thinker and writer as our esteemed Brother BROWN belongs to the reportorial body.

Most Worshipful Brother DANIEL M. BROWNING, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother LOYAL M. MUNN, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Indianapolis, May 23 and 24, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother CALVIN W. PRATHER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is a very elaborate paper. He touches upon many interesting questions of domestic concern. We regret to find that he is in favor of granting reciprocal privileges to Lodges on either side of the lines of Grand Lodges of contiguous jurisdictions, in accepting petitions from applicants residing nearest to them respectively.

We have decided objections to this policy. It cannot fail in the long-run to bring contention and unharmony in the local Lodges, and it may involve the respective Grand Lodges in controversy. Allegiance is often stronger than a sentiment. When it partakes of both a high moral and a strong Masonic feeling, then it often is unreasonable if it is subjected to the control of an abstract principle of Masonic

regulation. It is safest to require every profane who seeks Masonic confraternity to make his home in Masonry where his other relations grow and strengthen.

Brother WILLIAM COMMONS presented his report on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother BRUCE CARR was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

THE pamphlet before us contains a résumé of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge from October 6, 1874, to November 2, 1881. It is a most interesting volume, and should be preserved in the archives of all our Grand Lodges. We very much regret that our distinguished Brother J. S. MURROW did not print his full report on Foreign Correspondence last year. He says a full, careful report was presented to the Grand Lodge; but we can readily understand that the present report, and other expenses of the Grand Lodge, may have made it inconvenient to print his report. We object to a "*final* GOOD-BY" from our distinguished Brother MURROW. We hope next year to hear more fully from him.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES E. GOODING was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. S. MURROW, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of the Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, held in the Masonic Hall, Vinita, November, 1882. Most Worshipful C. E. GOODING, Grand Master; Right Worshipful J. S. MURROW, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master GOODING made an address in which we see that he uses the following language: "I would recommend

to the subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction the Eastern Star degree." What Freemasonry has to do with the "Eastern Star" we do not know. The Sun, at its rising, setting, and at high meridian, is the great light of our Craft, and its rays enlighten us to know and keep the faith of the Fraternity. It may be said to represent to us the glory of God, and we recognize it as the light of Masonic life. The stars may be God's eyes, whereby He beholds the children of men, to reward and to reprove those who merit either His mercy or His chastenings.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master refers also to intemperance and profanity.

On intemperance the Grand Master says: "Intemperance is as old as our Institution itself." We fear our temperance friends will have a hard time in eradicating this "soul-destroying evil," as Grand Master GOODING styles it, in the Indian territory. Profanity, also, Grand Master GOODING notices "as a crime more common, perhaps, than intemperance." We do think, from all this, that the Craft in the Indian Territory needs careful instruction in "every good word and work."

Brother E. H. DOYLE, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, stated verbally that "his various duties are so pressing, and his labors in his business so exacting, that he has not had time to prepare a report."

Most Worshipful HARVEY LINDSEY was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful J. S. MURROW was re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Des Moines, June 6, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother GEO. B. VAN SAUN, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother THEODORE S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary.

We take up the pamphlet with several conflicting emotions. We know it is our Most Worshipful Brother PARVIN who Masonically actuates the thoughts and actions of this distinguished Grand Lodge, and well he may. Of a strongly marked personal character, of a high order of Masonic information, of signal pertinacity in the assertion and defence of his opinions, unfortunately human and likely to err, how can we begin the perusal of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge without thus clearing the way for our due consideration of them?

The Grand Master's Address is very full, and well says what he has to say touching his jurisdiction. He notices the fraternal invitation of Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother DICK to be present at the Sesqui-Centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and also that of Most Worshipful Brother PEYTON S. COLES, Grand Master of Virginia, to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of the National Monument at Yorktown.

The Grand Secretary's report states, that Jewels had been ordered for the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Iowa near the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, Egypt, New South Wales and Cuba. This is to us new, for we have never heard before of such a jewel; we have never seen one; we heartily approve, however, that proposition. We thank Brother PARVIN for suggesting it. We have the honor to be the representative of eight Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, and if Brother PARVIN's proposition is to be adopted, and all these Grand Lodges send their jewels, we will outrank all the great stars in the firmament, for we know of none that have eight jewels. We fear, however, Brother PARVIN's proposition will not be adopted. The Masonic virtue of the Craft will consider the Representatives themselves the Jewels, like Cornelia when she pointed to her sons.

Right Worshipful Brother PARVIN gives us his Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence, full, thorough, exhaustive, able. We will not follow Brother PARVIN, in his notice of

Pennsylvania. Our dear good Brother, we are so happy that there is so much we have to say with which he cannot agree, with which he would not agree even if he knew we were right. It gives our esteemed Brother the highest satisfaction to criticise us. He saves up all his antagonisms until he comes to Pennsylvania, and then, dipping his pen into the fountain from which flows the brightest and best and most charming of his controversial efforts, he exhausts them on our devoted head. We admire the artistic way in which it is done—it is so earnest. He really believes in it. He never could be happy until it is over, and then, he is joyous. We accept it all, thankfully. We love our dear Brother, and believe that he loves us, for he chastens us so; and we know further, that it is because he loves us that he takes that high example, for he will take no other. He feels so thoroughly satisfied when he has concluded, that he has followed the Divine sentiment; he winds up his notice of Pennsylvania in the consoling conviction that nothing is to be said in reply to all this. He regards it as Masonic Charity. He reads the word "Charity," in the Great Light, as it was understood before the New Version, which now makes it "Love." He annihilates Faith, for he so admits, as he don't believe in the proclaimed "origin" of Masonry, notwithstanding we and McGRATH unite!!! And how much of Hope he has, is past finding out. No, dear Brother PARVIN, exercise your intellectual force in flagellating us. You will never cause us for a moment to entertain for you other feelings than the highest respect and love. We do not agree on some questions of Masonic law, this is not at all surprising, either to you or to us. Our Brother does give us a most charming pamphlet, and his Report is made up in such admirable style, that after having gone through it, we file the copy in the Archives of our Grand Lodge, and dedicate to its author our most fraternal regard.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE R. VAN SAUN, was re-elected Grand Master; and Most Worshipful Brother THEODORE S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary.

IRELAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Dublin, March 10, 1882. An address was presented by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Grace the DUKE OF ABERCORN, to the Queen, expressing the gratitude and thankfulness of the Freemasons of Ireland to the Most High God for having preserved the life of Her Majesty from the hands of an assassin.

Communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland, transmitting list of officers of that Grand Lodge for 1882. His Grace the DUKE OF ABERCORN, K. G., Most Worshipful Grand Master; the EARL OF BANDON, Lieutenant and C. R., Cork, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-sixth Annual Grand Communication, held at Topeka, February 15, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM COWGILL, Grand Master; Right Worshipful JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master contains some matters worthy of serious consideration, especially so much of it as notices "conferring degrees out of time," and the "Word of caution."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BROWN. A bright, sparkling, well-considered, carefully prepared report. Brother BROWN has shown great tact in his selections from the reports of the various Grand Lodges, and we thank him sincerely for his notice of Pennsylvania.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM COWGILL was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

PROCEEDINGS of Eighty-second Annual Grand Communication held at Louisville, October 18, 1881, Most Worshipful Brother W. LA RUE THOMAS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother HIRAM BASSETT, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address recites his decisions, and treats of many subjects of interest to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

In looking over the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, we find nothing that within our line of duty requires notice.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT MORRIS. This report is not up to the standard of his reputed character as a Masonic writer. Perhaps he is getting tired of his long service with the Masonic pen. Perhaps he has extracted all that he thinks is worth noticing in the reports to which his attention has been called. We are glad to know that he can "*smile*" when he thinks of Pennsylvania. It is a pleasure to us to think that our venerable Brother can call his attention off from the performance of his arduous duties, and smile. What a relief it must be to him. "The local pride of this jurisdiction"—it is amusing, isn't it? That one should believe in his convictions, in their integrity, in their stability, in the conscientious devotion to them which this "*local*" jurisdiction of Pennsylvania has always manifested. It is amusing in these times when there appears to be nothing sacred, nothing steadfast, nothing abiding, that our venerable Brother should smile as he thinks a remnant still remains who have the courage of their convictions. We thank our Brother for his notice of ourself. We fully agree with him that Brother MACCALLA deserves all the compliments that can be bestowed upon him. Our Grand Lodge, in the fullness of its "local pride," has just conferred another compliment upon Brother MACCALLA, by electing him Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge.

We salute our venerable Brother MORRIS with the assurance of our most fraternal regard.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM H. MEFFERT, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother HIRAM BASSETT, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Eighty-third Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Kentucky, held at Masonic Temple, Louisville, October 17, 1882. Most Worshipful WILLIAM HENRY MEFFERT, Grand Master; Right Worshipful HIRAM BASSETT, Grand Secretary. There were ten Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters present at the Communication.

Grand Master MEFFERT made his annual address, in which we find evidence of great labor and its due performance. The Grand Master deals only with domestic questions. These are sufficiently interesting to the Craft of that jurisdiction, but there are no questions of such general Masonic interest as to require notice. The Grand Master acknowledges the invitation from Right Worshipful Grand Master DICK to our celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the organization of our Grand Lodge, and states his regret at his inability to be present.

We observe the following on page 65 of the printed Proceedings: "It was moved and carried that when the Grand Lodge adjourn, it adjourn until the next Annual Communication." This minute strikes us as unusual, as at the ending of a Communication of a Grand Lodge, it "closes" till a time certain; or, if otherwise, "due and timely notice" is to be given. At least, so it is in this jurisdiction, and hence the form noticed, is to us, strange. In Pennsylvania, no motion to adjourn, or to "call off," is permitted.

The Grand Lodge had under its consideration changes in its Constitution. We always fear that the tendency to alter and amend (as it is called) fundamental law, may lead to making worse rather than better.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Brother JAMES W. STATON, Chairman.

Our distinguished Brother, in his opening remarks, properly states that obedience is the rule of Masonic life, and his yield-

ing in this spirit to his appointment as chairman of this committee is the best test of his faith in this great rule, applying as it does to every Freemason in his relations to the Craft.

We, after reading his most admirable report, desire to remark that he needs no excuses to be made by himself for himself, for he may confidently believe he ranks with any of his predecessors since 1846, when "our system of Foreign Correspondence commenced." Our Brother shows that he is both a competent and capable reviewer, for his report is so full, that he has omitted nothing, we think, that merited examination.

In his notice of Pennsylvania, he presents a clear view of nearly all our Grand Lodge's action that interests the general Craft.

We deeply regret to see that our most esteemed Brother STATON relies on "monitors" for either Masonic light or law. These printed and published guides are most apt to lead into error or darkness. Masonic light does not always enlighten those who claim to teach; often, too, "the darkness comprehendeth it not."

Public notoriety of Masonic Lodge action, proceedings, or ceremonies, is so manifestly contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry, that the public installation of Lodge officers is a violation of fundamental Masonic law, as we think.

We thank our esteemed Brother for his most kind and fraternal notice.

Most Worshipful Brother G. D. BUCKNER, M.D., was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother HIRAM BASSETT re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventieth Annual Grand Communication, held at New Orleans, February 13, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM RITCHIE WHITAKER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M.D., Grand Secretary.

Grand Master WHITAKER's address is a markedly interesting paper.

Grand Secretary BATCHELOR's report is like all he does. We congratulate the Grand Lodge of Louisiana upon its present condition, as appears from the Grand Master's address and the report of the Grand Secretary. Brother BATCHELOR has given us a most interesting digest of the "Edicts of the Grand Lodge and the decisions of the Grand Master, having the full force of law," published in both French and English.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from Committee, Brother JOHN G. FLEMING, Chairman. After reading this report, it is not necessary for our Most Worshipful Brother FLEMING to make any apology for his first effort. It shows him to be fully qualified for the task he has undertaken, and which was imposed upon him by the Grand Lodge. We take this opportunity of tendering our most fraternal regards to Brother BATCHELOR, who has so long and so faithfully served his Grand Lodge, and to tender to our Most Worshipful Brother FLEMING our earnest hope that he may continue to perform the duties of his high office, for he will assuredly fill up the measure of attainment and qualities that have marked his predecessors.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM RITCHIE WHITAKER was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M.D., Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Portland, May 2, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother, MARQUIS F. KING, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother IRA BERRY, Recording Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master made a very excellent address, and in those portions in which he refers to his Masonic duties, receives our hearty approval. This address of Grand Master KING's

will favorably compare with those of Grand Masters of other jurisdictions. We find nothing in the published Proceedings that justifies special notice.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented, as usual, by our distinguished Brother, Past Grand Master DRUMMOND. We always take up this report in a very unhappy state of mind. We entertain for our Most Worshipful Brother DRUMMOND the highest personal and Masonic respect. We recognize his long Masonic service, and the close attention he has given to Masonic questions. We admit his marked ability. We acknowledge that he devotes a very large portion of his time to Freemasonry. He is generally accepted as Masonic authority. It is not surprising, therefore, that, in beginning the perusal and study of his reports, we are not possessed of that absorbing Masonic love which casteth out all fear. To differ with him causes us to hesitate, lest our opinion may be wrong. To contend with him puts us at the most marked disadvantage. To forbear the exposure of his false logic, to deny the conclusions he draws from premises he makes for himself, to yield acquiescence in his unqualified assertions, causes a struggle, lest, in offering our modest views, we may be forced into antagonistic relations. Over and over again we have declared that we will enter into no controversy with our Most Worshipful Brother. But we cannot read this report, as we have done, with close attention, without failing to record our non-concurrence with very many of his Masonic opinions. We greatly fear that our most distinguished Brother takes counsel of his prejudices—that he does not reason out his propositions after a calm and deliberate view of all their bearings we regard as the only explanation we can give of what he sometimes writes. In replying to his review of Pennsylvania, therefore, we shall make but one remark. Our Most Worshipful Brother takes us to strict account for our views of public installations of officers of Lodges. Referring to our discussion of the subject, he says :

“ His (Brother VAUX's) proposition, that the proceedings and

ceremonies are confined to initiates alone, is not correct. The Craft, as such, have *private* ceremonies and *public* ceremonies. The laying of foundation-stones is done by the Grand Lodge as such: funeral ceremonies are performed by the Lodge as such, and a Master Masons' Lodge at that, no Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft being permitted to participate. In both cases the ceremonies are performed in public. Inasmuch as there are ceremonies, which both the Grand Lodge and the Lodge, in their organized capacities, perform in public, his proposition fails, and the question becomes, whether the character of installations is such that they fall within the class of ceremonies that may be performed in public."

The very first line of this quotation is made without the shadow of authority for it. It is a bold assertion of our Most Worshipful Brother, made by him to establish his own premises. We never said, nor wrote, what would give Brother DRUMMOND justification for this quotation. To show the prejudice of our most distinguished Brother in the discussion of this question, and not his opinions, not his clear reasoning, and to justify the remarks we have herein made as to the mode of Brother DRUMMOND's treatment of Masonic questions in his contentions with us, we beg to quote what we did say on this question, under the title "Delaware," in our last report:

"The proceedings, the ceremonies, the ritual, the work of Masonry, in its LODGES, subordinate or supreme, have from the earliest of days been confined to those, as parties or visitors, who have been regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft."

Where does Brother DRUMMOND find authority for saying, "that the proceedings and ceremonies are confined to initiates alone," among which ceremonies and proceedings he claims that corner-stones and funerals are included? Our language was distinctly circumscribed by the terms, "*in its LODGES.*" Our proposition was, that the proceedings and ceremonies and ritual and work of Freemasonry in its Lodges, could only be performed in the presence of initiates. Brother DRUMMOND strikes out the commanding principle for which we contend, "*in its LODGES.*" Having made his premise by mutilating our

expressions, he then undertakes to force us into the position of saying, either that the ceremonies of funerals and corner-stones are conducted *in* or *by* a Lodge, which is not the fact, or, that a public act by Masons, outside of a Lodge, stands in the same relation to Freemasonry as the ceremonies and ritual inside of a tyled Lodge.

A Lodge cannot open, close or work unless the charter is present. Once the charter appears, whatever is done must be only with tyled doors, and initiates only be present.

The ceremonies performed, of whatever kind, without the charter, constitutes those present in the assembly, only a meeting of Masons. So it is with a Masonic funeral.

But to install officers of a Lodge requires as an absolute condition precedent, the charter. The charter establishes a Lodge. None can then be present but initiates. Installation is a ceremony "in a Lodge," and the landmarks forbid the presence of any but Freemasons. Masonic ceremonies in public are not possible. Public ceremonies by Masons are quite a different condition of things.

The laying of corner-stones by Freemasons, and the Masonic funerals of Masons are ceremonies which Masons have adopted. They are no part of the work of Freemasonry. The fact that they are public, proves that they are not Masonic in the sense we use the term, not the esoteric work of Masons. No Lodge is open, no charter present, no one single act is performed as a Lodge none of the precautions that are essential in other cases are taken. The invitation to lay a corner-stone from competent authority excludes the possibility of other than the most formal public act of individual Masons, the Grand Master and the Grand Officers. All Masons and the rest of mankind may be present there. But, when "*the proceedings, the ceremonies, the ritual, the work of Freemasonry in its LODGES,*" are conducted, who *dare* be present but an initiate?

At the laying of corner-stones, the individual Grand Master and the individual Grand Officers perform the ceremony, and members of the Grand Lodge may or may not be present. If

they are, it is as individual Masons, members of the Grand Lodge. At a Masonic funeral, the Master and officers, as individual Masons, perform the ceremony, and the members of the Lodge are present as individual Masons. In neither case is the Grand Lodge nor the subordinate Lodge, in their organic or organized capacity, present or participating, as either Grand or subordinate Lodge.

This, we think, is sufficient to show how vain it is to attempt to refute premises made to order, and the illogical deductions that are so dogmatically given.

So far as our highly-esteemed Brother DRUMMOND, in his review of Virginia, quotes the public installation of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in 1849, and the fact that Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, of Pennsylvania, was present and delivered the oration, in support of his views on this subject, we have to remark, first, it was done in a so-called church; second, it was after the Grand Lodge opened in its Lodge Room; third, it was after the Grand Lodge left its habitation and went among aliens and strangers to do certain acts which the Masons then and there present consented to do, and witnessed. It was not a Masonic ceremony—not a *Masonic* installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, it was a pageant without the true spirit of the Craft; it was a bastard, born of a consenting mother and a libertine father; it was done, as if in self-condemnation, far away from the great altar and the great lights of Freemasonry. In such a presence, this clandestine proceeding was impossible; so it was conducted where there was no Masonic light. Well might a building used for a meeting of Unitarians be chosen for such a profanation. That Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, was present, only deepens our regret, but it is neither to be taken as infallible dogma, nor Masonic authority.

In regard to the question of Grand Lodge sovereignty, and what constitutes Grand Lodges, no further comment is necessary. We stand on our propositions, maintain them as

sound Masonic law, and shall wait until the sober second thought of our distinguished Brother brings him to realize what our views are. We regret to have been thus forced to reply to our most esteemed and honored Brother, and beg him to understand that our personal and Masonic respect for him can never be weakened by any difference in Masonic opinion.

Most Worshipful Brother, MARCUS F. KING, was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother IRA BERRY, Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA.

PROCEEDINGS of Emergent Communication, held at Winnipeg, June 10, 1879; of Special Communication, held at Winnipeg, June 19, 1879; also, of Fifth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, city of Winnipeg, February 12, 1880.

These proceedings have reference to the settlement of domestic difficulties in this Grand Lodge, by which it appears those difficulties that heretofore existed, much to the scandal of Masonry, have been fraternally settled. This Grand Lodge seems to have been distracted by intestine disorder. We fear that the trouble arose from the too early formation of the Grand Lodge, without due care. However that may be, the pamphlet before us indicates that harmony now exists in the Craft in that jurisdiction.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Portage la Prairie, July 28, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BELL, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JAMES HENDERSON, Grand Secretary.

This was held previous to laying the corner-stone of a town-hall with Masonic ceremonies.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at Winnipeg, February 8 and 9, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BELL, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JAMES HENDERSON, Grand Secretary.

In the Proceedings is a letter from Brother SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, protesting against the Grand Lodge of Manitoba's having warranted a Lodge in Gibraltar. Grand Master BELL does not mention the reason why, but still he recommends the warrant to be recalled. We fear this Grand Lodge is inconsiderate. Greater caution in its action would, we think, prevent it getting into difficulties with other jurisdictions.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN HEADLEY BELL was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother HERBERT DU PRILE LE CAPPELLAIN, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Semi-annual Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Baltimore, May 9, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN S. TYSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful J. H. MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address has nothing for us to notice.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is made by our esteemed Brother FERDINAND J. S. GORGAS, M.D. It is an unpretentious document, and still it is replete with care and attention. It has fully justified our remark on his first report, and we are glad that his Grand Lodge has given him the largest discretion in the discussion of the subjects upon which he has exercised his pen. We may be permitted, we trust, to congratulate our Brother upon the rapid advancement he has shown in his reportorial duties. We congratulate the Grand Lodge of Maryland, that it has so clear an exposition of the proceedings of the Craft in other jurisdictions, which our esteemed

and distinguished Brother, Dr. GORGAS, has given it in the report under review.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN S. TYSON was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. H. MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Boston, October 13, 1881, for constituting Granite Lodge, of North-bridge. Most Worshipful Brother SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother TRACY P. CHEEVER, Recording Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Canton, November 9, 1881, for the purpose of dedicating a new Masonic Hall. Most Worshipful Brother S. C. LAWRENCE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother T. P. CHEEVER, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at North Easton, November 22, 1881. Same Grand Officers. Held for purpose of dedicating a new Masonic Hall.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Boston, November 26, 1881, for performing the funeral services of Right Worshipful Brother TRACY P. CHEEVER, Recording Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Boston, December 14, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother SERENO D. NICKERSON, Recording Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is circumscribed to questions of domestic import.

The Recording Grand Secretary presented a lengthy communication from "Mr. F. J. D. Smith, styling himself the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario." It was referred to the Committee.

PROCEEDINGS of Stated Communication, held December 27, 1881, for the purpose of installing Grand Officers.

As usual, there is no report on the subject of Foreign Correspondence, for it is believed this Grand Lodge has no such Committee.

Most Worshipful Brother SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE was re-elected Grand Master, and Most Worshipful Brother SERENO D. NICKERSON, Recording Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Amherst, January 4, 1882, for the purpose of dedicating a new Masonic Hall and installation of officers. Most Worshipful Brother S. C. LAWRENCE, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM PARKMAN, *as* Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Boston, March 8, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother S. C. LAWRENCE, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother SERENO D. NICKERSON, Recording Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address contains wise and necessary caution against spurious rites and degrees, with which we cordially unite.

The Committee on the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario made a report, from which we take the concluding sentence:

"We therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be requested to return the letter referred to us to the gentlemen from whom it came, and to politely and kindly inform them, that, when they are recognized as a Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Canada, the matter of their recognition as such will properly come before this Grand Lodge."

This is a summary way of proceeding, which we heartily approve, and we commend it to other so-called Grand Lodges,

who desire to be born before their Masonic gestation is completed. (Perhaps Most Worshipful Brother DRUMMOND may call us to account, regarding this gestation as a public ceremony.)

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Peabody, April 21, 1882, for obituary proceedings of Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM SUTTON, Past Senior Grand Warden.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Boston, May 1, 1882, for the purpose of constituting Satucket Lodge, and installation of its officers. Same Grand Officers.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Quincy, May 30, 1882, for the purpose of dedicating Crane Memorial Hall. Grand Master CROCKER's address was ornate and appropriate.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication held at Masonic Temple, Boston, June 14, 1882. Same Grand Officers.

There is a very able report from Right Worshipful Brother CHAS. LEVI WOODBURY, on the amendment of the Constitution condemning the multiplicity of degrees. We should like to give this report, but it is too long for insertion. To condense it would be unjust to the treatment of the subject. It seems to have had much attention from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The correspondence on the subject from other jurisdictions is very marked.

The report of the Committee on procuring the portraits of the Past Grand Masters is quite interesting. It is signed by Most Worshipful Brother W. T. R. MARVIN, Chairman.

The Recording Grand Secretary presented to Grand Master LAWRENCE an elegant and massive Gavel, similar to that used by the Grand Master of England, "on the 125th anniversary of the Lodge of St. Andrew, on November 30, last."

Most Worshipful Brother SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, was re-elected Grand Master, and Most Worshipful Brother SERENO D. NICKERSON, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

TRANSACTIONS of Special Communication held at Grand Rapids, October 11, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother OLIVER L. SPALDING, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Secretary. This was held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Church.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at Detroit, January 24 and 25, 1882. Same Grand Officers.

Grand Master SPALDING made an address of more than common merit. The concluding portion is admirable.

Although there are many interesting matters referred to in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge—particularly the reports of the Committee on Appeals—we do not feel called upon to give them special notice.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from Most Worshipful Brother INNES. Brother INNES's report is discreet, careful and judicious. His notice of Pennsylvania calls for our Masonic thanks, which we extend to him with the assurance of our most fraternal regard.

Most Worshipful Brother ALLANSON PARTRIDGE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at St. Paul's January 10, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother HENRY R. WELLS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's remarks, under the title, "Grand Lodge Relations," is the only part of his address to which we desire to call attention.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our distinguished Brother, A. T. C. PIERSON, and, like all he has ever written, is admirable in style, complete, concise and interesting. We are gratified to find that Brother PIERSON coincides with us, that three or more Lodges, in a territory where no Grand Lodge exists, being a minority of the Lodges, cannot form a Grand Lodge. What pleases us still more, in his criticism on this question, he makes use of this language :

“ And we are at a loss to understand how any one can come to any other conclusion, who has *investigated* the question.”

We thank our Right Worshipful Brother for this word, “*investigated*.” He has italicised it as he wrote it, indicating, no doubt, as we assume he intended to indicate by italicising the word, that the investigation of such questions does not always precede the opinions expressed.

Most Worshipful Brother C. HENRY BENTON was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Jackson, February 8, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN F. McCORMICK, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. L. POWERS, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master McCORMICK's address is of interest to his jurisdiction.

It seems this Grand Lodge requires reports from its Grand Representatives near other jurisdictions. At all events they were made, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge are more than usually interesting.

If the printed reports of Grand Representatives were all the reports made by them, we do not see the very great necessity of continuing that practice.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Right Worshipful Brother JAMES M. HOWRY. It is an exceedingly interesting report. It commends itself to careful perusal. Its style is attractive and interesting. We accept Brother HOWRY's explanation of "when Greek meets Greek," although we don't think the ancient word "join" adds anything to the ancient aphorism. We are glad to find that Brother HOWRY has found that our distinguished Brother MACCALLA is at our elbow, but we regret to say that our Grand Lodge has taken him from this position by electing him Junior Grand Warden. How much we regret it, we need not say. How much he will be missed, our next report will show. We thank our Brother HOWRY for his kind expressions towards us, and we beg him to receive the assurance of our fraternal salutations.

Most Worshipful Brother FREDERICK SPEED was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. L. POWERS, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-second Annual Grand Communications, held at Freemason's Hall, St. Louis. Most Worshipful Brother A. M. DOCKERY, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother Rev. JOHN D. VINCIL, D.D., Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is short, but exceedingly interesting, particularly that portion which refers to New Mexico. We think the Craft in all our Grand Jurisdictions owes a lasting debt of gratitude to our Most Worshipful Brother VINCIL for his successful effort to harmonize the relations between the Grand Lodge of New Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Missouri; and we cannot forbear from remarking that he was

moved to these efforts in a large degree by reason of his position as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of his Grand Lodge. In examining, as he did, the views of other Grand Lodges on this subject, and indeed on kindred subjects, he doubtless had his own opinions strengthened by those he gathered from other Grand Lodges. The treatment of the subject by Committees on Foreign Correspondence, the principles enunciated, and the law proclaimed and established in relation to such questions, must have inspired our distinguished Brother's earnest and continued efforts for success. The decision of this question, involving, as it did, unanimous expression of principles of Masonic law, has put to rest, we trust, the further discussion of the Masonic principle involved.

The oration of Grand Orator, Brother JAMES W. BOYD, deserves special notice. The structure of this thoughtful paper is far more elaborate, ornate, and philosophic than is generally found in such efforts, while, as we think, some subjects are involved in it that might have been omitted, yet the distinguished Brother has earned the highest commendation.

That man is constituted of "two distinct natures" is true, but, why is the *third* ignored? The physical, or animal, and the moral are subject to the third, the mental. Each coöperate. When the moral is ungoverned by the mental, the repulsiveness of the humanitarian—isms is apparent. When the animal or physical is beyond the control of the mental and moral, the brute is the phenomenon. So, too, when both moral and animal reject the guidance of the intellect, the psychologist is alarmed. The soul of man, if knowable, is only by the inner consciousness. It lives by the coöperation of the mental and moral, like the indescribable yet known electricity, from positive and negative forces. There is a spirit in man, and there is the soul of man. Man then must be regarded as the temple in which this trinity is found, his three distinct constitutions—body, soul and spirit; mind, morals and lusts; the mental, the moral and

the animal. Socrates, Aristotle, and Bacon, as to this, however, have told us the learning of the world, while our Craft's "Great Light" teaches us the inspired truth. We humbly ask pardon of Brother BOYD for even this miserable attempt to notice his "two natures." Freemasonry reaches out for all that is in man, of man. It enlightens his mind, elevates his morals. It governs and purifies and subdues his triune constitution.

Brother VINCIL gives us a special report concerning the recent formation of the Grand Lodge of Arizona. This report goes far to assure us that this Grand Lodge was lawfully constituted, although the letter of Right Worshipful Brother ABELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, introduced into this report, hardly leaves it free from doubt. Until the Grand Lodge of California and New Mexico recognize Arizona, we feel best satisfied to wait.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at California, February 26, 1882. Same Grand Officers. Held for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand Master Brother OWENS.

It is hardly necessary to say that the report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother VINCIL. It is an able and masterly paper, and if Brother VINCIL will allow us to say so, it has no superior in the Proceedings of all the Grand Lodges under review. Brother VINCIL has stepped into the front rank of Masonic authors, and we earnestly pray that he may long continue to throw lustre around his present Masonic vocation.

Brother VINCIL's reports are so sprightly, and when he begins to argue, they are so full and weighty, and nothing passes his notice that is worthy of it without comment. We thank him for what he says of Pennsylvania.

Most Worshipful Brother Rev. CHARLES C. WOODS, D.D., was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. VINCIL, D.D., Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at Helena, October 4, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE W. MONROE, Grand Master. Right Worshipful Brother RICHARD LOCKEY, Assistant Grand Secretary, *pro tem*.

Grand Master Brother MONROE delivered his annual address.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by our esteemed Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES. As usual Right Worshipful Brother HEDGES gives us an admirable report. It is replete with pertinent extracts, and his power of condensation is worthy of imitation. We beg him to believe how gratified we were at reading all he has written, but especially his reference to Pennsylvania.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. POMEROY was elected Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Lincoln, June 21, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother JAMES A. TULLEYS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master's address partakes almost exclusively of domestic questions.

Grand Orator DAVIDSON's oration is short and replete with thought.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence, and nothing in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge that requires special notice.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES R. CAIN was elected

Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-fifth Annual Grand Communication, held at Lincoln, June 20, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother JAMES R. CAIN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master CAIN's address follows the form of that delivered by him at the preceding Communication, and is far superior to it in the treatment of the subjects he discusses. It seems that Brother DIEHL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Utah, sent a communication as to the relation of Mormonism to Masonry, which was submitted to the Grand Lodge. Brother WARREN made a special report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence on the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, concluding with the following sentence: "Your Committee therefore report against the recognition by this Grand Lodge of the *soi-disant* Grand Lodge of Ontario."

It seems that the Grand Orator, Brother JAMES S. GILHAM, 33°, delivered an oration.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is signed by Most Worshipful Brothers EDWIN F. WARREN and JAMES A. TULLEYS, for the Committee. There is no special notice to be made of this report.

Brother EDWIN F. WARREN was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Reno, August 27, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother HORATIO S. MASON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. HAMMOND, Grand Secretary. Held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Nevada Asylum for the Insane.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Gold Hill, April 30, 1882, for purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand Master ROBINSON.

PROCEEDINGS of Eighteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, City of Virginia, June 13, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother H. S. MASON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. D. HAMMOND, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master MASON's address contains the following gratifying announcement: "The past year has been a quiet one in this jurisdiction. No trouble has occurred between Lodges, and very little within the respective Lodges. Harmony prevails, and, as a rule, the Brethren are earnest and faithful." And he further says: "Our relations with other Grand Lodges are entirely harmonious."

He acknowledges "an invitation from Right Worshipful Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, to attend the 150th anniversary of the establishment of that Grand Lodge on St. John's Day, June 24, 1882."

Among the Proceedings we observe that the Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nevada were received with the grand honors, and were addressed in welcome by Grand Orator FISH. To this address Right Worshipful Brother DAVID E. BAILY, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on behalf of the Grand Representatives, made a reply. As this to us is rather a novel proceeding, proper enough for all we know, we read the address and reply published in these Proceedings. We take this extract from Grand Representative BAILY's address:

"For this cordial greeting and welcome, we, the Representatives of the various Grand Lodges whom we have the honor to personate, return our most sincere thanks. We feel that your welcome comes not from the lips only, but from your hearts. We know that it is no empty sound alone, but prompted by deep, fraternal feeling and earnest brotherly love. We receive it not to ourselves, individually,

but to and for the Grand Bodies we represent, and, through them, to and for the Fraternity at large, 'whithersoever dispersed around the globe.' We are happy to meet you here on the level, and to renew the assurances of brotherly love, and to further assure you of the kind regard and fraternal interest felt by the Grand Bodies we represent, though mountains, rivers and oceans may separate them from you. Your touching allusion to the vacancies in our ranks, and the illustrious dead who have gone to join the great silent majority since last we had the pleasure of meeting you here, is felt by us, and we mourn with you. It reminds us that we, too, are mortal; that the places we now fill must soon be filled by others; it reminds us—

“ ‘There’s a change will surely meet us
Very soon;
 Though our dearest friends may greet us,
 May bewail us and entreat us;
 Yet death’s onset will defeat us
Very soon—very soon.

“ Yet let this reminder only the more closely and cordially unite us; let it only the more prompt us to weary not in well doing; let it be only the greater incentive to work while it is called to-day, and while we are thus working let us also remember that when our call comes—

“ ‘Then these Emblems, old and hoary,
Very soon,
 Will yield up their Mystic story
 Making plain the Allegory,
 Blazing with a blaze of glory
Very soon—very soon.

“ ‘But in bright lands o’er the River
Very soon,
 Midst the treasures of the Giver,
 Who from sorrow doth deliver,
 We shall form our Lodge forever
Very soon—very soon.’

“ Let us and our successors then cheerfully work, hand in hand, and heart to heart, never knowing what it is to weary or tire, knowing no discouragement, acknowledging no reverse or discomfiture, until that time shall come, as come it will most surely, when naught shall prevail but ‘Peace on earth and good will to man.’ Again we thank you.”

The duty of Grand Representatives has been somewhat clouded, but it seems that Brother BAILY considers it to be a part of their duty to "*personate*" Grand Lodges. How that is done we do not know. It would be instructive to be informed how Brother BAILY, under any of the known lexicographical meanings of "*personate*," would perform this duty. But then the poetry. The refrain of the song is, "*very soon, very soon.*" We think it appropriate, and notice it only that there may be an end of personating Grand Lodges "*very soon.*"

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is by Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. HAMMOND. His report is clever, but very short. We do not think he has made it so long as the distance "from A to izzard, or from Alabama to Wyoming." We wish it were longer. Short as it is, it is interesting and instructive reading, and we thank our esteemed Brother for the information it conveys. For its notice of Pennsylvania and ourself we tender him our most fraternal thanks.

Most Worshipful Brother HORATIO S. MASON was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. HAMMOND, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication at St. Stephen's, June 24, 1881, Most Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN R. STEVENSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary. Held for the purpose of "laying the corner-stone of St. Croix Cotton Mill, Milton, N. B." The Proceedings of this Communication fill eighteen pages, and a Gavel was presented to the Grand Master by the President and Treasurer of the Cotton Mill. Anthems were sung, prayers were offered. Twenty-two Grand Officers, together

with a number of Past Grand Masters, a large gathering of Representatives and other Brethren from all sections of the Province and the neighboring State of Maine were present. We beg here especially to notice that at these pretentious and extraordinary ceremonies, work, proceedings and ritual, our most esteemed and distinguished Brother, Past Grand Master DRUMMOND, of Maine, was not present. That he did not go to these Masonic ceremonies, we attribute to the fact that he had just read our report on public installations and other popular ceremonies. The admirers and advocates of the popularization of Masonic ceremonies, the out-door profanation of the ceremonial of the Craft, can now add Cotton Mill Masonry to their list of precedents.

PROCEEDINGS of Fifteenth Annual Grand Communication held at St. John, April 25, 1882, Most Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN R. STEVENSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master STEVENSON's address is very interesting.

Right Worshipful Brother JOHN V. ELLIS, Past Grand Master, made a short report on "Recognition of sister Grand Lodges." He says the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario "has already been called an irregular and illegal organization." The Committee are not disposed to disturb the previous action of the Grand Lodge, as it was based on sound and recognized principles of jurisprudence. They have the paper sent by the Grand Orient of Tunis, signed by the Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master. They do not propose to enter into any relations with Supreme Councils, nor with Lodges connected with Supreme Lodges, and they cannot take any action on the documents presented to them.

There is no general report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN R. STEVENSON was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN J. WETMORE, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PROCEEDINGS of Semi-Annual Communication held at Manchester, December 27, 1881, Most Worshipful Brother FRANK A. McKEAN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninety-third Annual Grand Communication held at Concord, May 17, 1882, same Grand Officers.

There is nothing in the address of Most Worshipful Brother McKEAN that requires special notice. It refers exclusively to their domestic affairs.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from our esteemed Right Worshipful Brother A. S. WAIT. He reviews succinctly the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, making here and there most judicious remarks. He devotes large attention to Brother DRUMMOND, and speaks of him in so kind and generous a spirit that we notice it with gratification. He does not favor Most Worshipful Brother VINCIL so highly. We regret that our Brother cannot agree with our Grand Lodge in the Shakespeare Lodge case, but cites their own Cleworth case, in May, 1880, in which radically different action was taken from that of Pennsylvania. If our distinguished Brother will read our views on Grand Lodge sovereignty, and the principle upon which that supreme authority is based, he will discover that there is no inconsistency in the views we have so often expressed. Our distinguished Brother is too good a logician, he is too well posted in Masonic jurisprudence and so able in his earnest discussion of questions of Masonic law governing the sovereignty of Grand Lodges, or rather regulating it, to require any further elucidation of the subject from us at this time. We tender our Brother our fraternal regard and beg him to believe that his dissent from any view we have expressed gives us pain.

Most Worshipful Brother ALPHEUS W. BAKER was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE P. CLEATES, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninety-fifth Annual Grand Communication held at Trenton, January 18, 1882; Most Worshipful Brother Joseph W. MARTIN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH H. HOUGH, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master MARTIN's address is a most admirable paper. His reference to the distinguished Masonic dead in his own and the several jurisdictions, is elaborate. His notice of the death of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother ALFRED R. POTTER, of this jurisdiction, is earnest and sincere. Our Brethren across the river evince by the action of their Grand Lodge activity and zeal. We extend to them our neighborly and most fraternal salutations.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from our esteemed Brother JAMES A. NORTON, Chairman of the Committee. He seems to take some pleasure, under the title "Mississippi, 1881," in the question of etiquette between Grand Master FRENCH, of Mississippi, and Grand Master NISBET, of Pennsylvania. His quotation of Grand Master FRENCH's eructations on the reply of Deputy Grand Secretary SIMPSON, of this jurisdiction, to Grand Secretary POWER, of Mississippi, do no credit to that distinguished Brother. In his notice of "Maine, 1881," he gives Brother DRUMMOND the fullest opportunity to express his views on many questions, by quotations from his report. And he does us equal justice in his quotations from our report of 1880, on Grand Lodge sovereignty. We read his report with great interest, and we express our sincere regret that Brother NORTON regards this report as his last. We trust he will reconsider his intention to say "*Good by.*" Since he has held the position of Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, he has done honor to his Grand Lodge and elevated it in the domain of Masonic literature.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM HARDACRE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH H. HOUGH, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication held at Albuquerque, January 21, 1881, held for the purpose of dedicating a Masonic Hall, Most Worshipful Brother SIMON B. NEWCOMB, Grand Master; Brother WILLIAM BORCHERT, *as* Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication held at Globe City, Territory of Arizona, February 22, 1881, for the purpose of consecrating a Lodge, dedicating its Hall, and installing its officers. Brother JAMES M. ELLIS *as* Grand Master; Brother ERNEST F. KELLNER *as* Grand Secretary.

The acting Grand Master made a very admirable address on the occasion.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication held at Albuquerque, March 3, 1881, for the purpose of dedicating to Masonic use a leased Hall. Brother WILLIAM B. CHILDERS *as* Grand Master; Brother WILLIAM BORCHERT *as* Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication held at Albuquerque, October 4, 1881, Most Worshipful Brother SIMON B. NEWCOMB, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother DAVID J. MILLER, Grand Secretary. Held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of Temple Lodge No. 6.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication held at Silver City, January 11, 1882, Brother ALEXANDER H. MOREHEAD *as* Grand Master; Brother T. D. WATERS *as* Grand Secretary. Held for the purpose of consecrating Lodge No. 7, dedicating its Hall and installing its officers.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fourth Annual Grand Communication held at Las Cruces, December 19, 1881, Most Worshipful Brother SIMON NEWCOMB, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother DAVID J. MILLER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address gives all the correspondence on the subject of New Mexico and Missouri. We do not observe in this address any other matter that requires a more critical notice.

From the printed Proceedings we find that the Grand Lodge of New Mexico appears to be in active work with regularity, and in harmony,

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Brothers A. Z. HUGGINS, ALBERT J. FAUNTAIN, and DAVID J. MILBER. This report is very creditable to the Committee. We regret our most respected Brother DAVID J. MILLER, as Chairman of this Committee, was constrained, for want of time, to devote himself to the work as Chairman, although the labor was done in admirable manner by the other members of the Committee. We agree with this Committee in what it says under the title, "Manitoba, 1881," Its reference to "Monitors," under the title "Maryland, 1881," is admirable. We endorse it. The only and true Masonic monitor is the Masonic conscience. We hope the day will come, and in this generation, too, when every Grand Lodge on our continent will expel every "Monitor" from the possession of Lodges. and forbid them in the possession of Brethren. But, why should we thus speak? If our most distinguished and respected Brother DRUMMOND's opinion is to be of any avail, and Masonic ceremonies are to be performed in public, better publish the whole thing in Monitors, call town meetings at Town Halls, and let every Brother read out of his own Monitor, whatever to him is most agreeable. To our mind, to our conscience, the worth and value of the teachings of our Craft are found in the fact that the profane are excluded from all of its ceremonies. We may be singular, but we are conscientious in our conviction that Masonic Manuals and Masonic Monitors, and the whole brood of so-called Masonic publications to catch the unthinking, and to make members of Lodges, without being made Masons, are pernicious, and prejudicial to the best interests of Masonry.

We regret that Pennsylvania is not noticed.

Most Worshipful Brother HARRY L. WALDO was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother DAVID J. MILLER, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

TRANSACTIONS of the One hundred and first Annual Grand Communication held at Masonic Temple, City of New York. Most Worshipful Brother HORACE S. TAYLOR, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EDWARD M. L. EHLERS *as* Grand Secretary.

Grand Master TAYLOR delivered his annual address. He refers to the death of Grand Secretary AUSTIN, and to many other distinguished dead in other jurisdictions. Under the title of "Complaints" he says, (we quote at length, lest injustice may be done to him or the Grand Lodge of New York):

"My predecessor, Most Worshipful Brother ANTHONY, reported to the Grand Lodge, last year, a complaint made by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania against Shakespeare Lodge No. 750, for conferring the Masonic degrees upon one T. H. TOBIAS, who, it was claimed, had been rejected in Allegheny Lodge No. 223, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and that he had directed charges to be preferred in Shakespeare Lodge against the said T. H. Tobias.

"These charges were preferred by the Junior Warden, February 17, 1881. A commission was appointed, which held its first meeting April 7, 1881, and many meetings were held and much evidence taken, until June 28, when the Commissioners decided to dismiss the complaint on account of irregularity in the proceedings, a part of the evidence having been taken in the absence of one of the Commissioners, and the Grand Lodge having decided at the Annual Communication held in June, 1881, that the proceedings before a Commission are irregular, unless all the Commissioners are present.

"New charges were preferred July 21, 1881, a new Commission was appointed for their trial, and on October 25, the Commissioners agreed upon their report, which was that the charges were not proven, and acquitting the accused. This report was accepted by Shakespeare Lodge.

"The Grand Master of Pennsylvania wrote to me, December 12, asking what action, if any, had been taken by Shakespeare Lodge in the case of TOBIAS. I immediately applied to the

Master of the Lodge for a full report, which was furnished to me on December 24, and on the same day I transmitted it to the Grand Master. On February 6, he sent to me, under seal of the Grand Lodge an extract from the Minutes, of which the following is a copy :

“At an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held at Philadelphia, December 27, A. D. 1881, A. L. 5881, the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, having fully stated to the Grand Lodge that Shakespeare Lodge No. 750, of the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York, had initiated a person by the name of TH. TOBIAS, who was rejected in Allegheny Lodge No. 223, in this jurisdiction, and had refused to take action on the request and evidence presented to a Committee of Shakespeare Lodge No. 750, to show that the person so initiated by it had been rejected in Pennsylvania; whereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

“*Resolved*, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be requested to issue his edict prohibiting any Lodge in this jurisdiction from receiving as a visitor any member of Shakespeare Lodge No. 750, under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York, and that he also forbid any member hailing from a Lodge in Pennsylvania visiting Shakespeare Lodge No. 750, and that he transmit this action of Grand Lodge in the premises to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York.’

“It is difficult to reconcile the statement contained in the above extract with the facts as I have stated them. Allegheny Lodge, as well as the Grand Master, had full knowledge of both trials of Brother TOBIAS, and on the first trial, two witnesses were sent from Pennsylvania, and on the second trial the authorities were invited to furnish evidence, but declined to do so. If the somewhat extraordinary action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was taken because the Commission appointed by Shakespeare Lodge failed to convict Brother TOBIAS, it will be well to consider what the effect is likely to be if Commissioners appointed to try charges against a Brother, shall themselves, as well as the Lodge appointing them, be liable to punishment if they render a verdict which is not agreeable to the Grand Lodge of another State. The evidence, and other papers in the case, are submitted for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.”

The Grand Master continues in his address to refer to a question between the Grand Lodge of New York, with reference to conferring the degrees of Masonry on a candidate rejected in a Lodge in Buffalo, and made in a Lodge in Chicago; and also that the Lodge at Fort Wayne, Indiana, had conferred the degrees on a candidate rejected in Schoharie Valley Lodge, New York. He refers to another complaint from the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, that Lodge 780, of New York, had received candidates residing in Pennsylvania. Complaint was made by the Grand Master of Connecticut that Lodge 246, of New York, had conferred two degrees on a candidate residing in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He then goes at length into the discussion of the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and the Grand Lodge of New York, with reference to the "Webotuck matter," which we are glad to say has been finally settled. He then refers to the gross impropriety in the discharge of official duty of a District Deputy Grand Master, whereupon two Lodges in that District passed resolutions censuring the action of the Grand Master in removing the District Deputy, the Grand Master thereupon sequestrated the warrants of both Lodges. The Grand Master suggests:

"The resolutions adopted by these two Lodges are slanderous." Then again,

"Intense anxiety of individuals to be elected to the highest offices in our Grand Lodge—an anxiety which will not permit them to wait, until by long service their fitness shall be demonstrated and recognized—but who, regardless of the best interests of the Fraternity, endeavor to accomplish their object by practices until recently unknown in Masonic elections, and which, if continued, will degrade us in the estimation of our Brethren in other jurisdictions, in none of which would such practices be tolerated.

“So notorious is this evil, and so disastrous threaten to be its consequences, that no personal considerations should prevent it from being brought squarely before the Grand Lodge. No considerations of delicacy should prevent the Grand Master from bringing the Grand Lodge face to face with an evil which threatens its prosperity, and which, if not checked, will endanger its continued existence. It is a fact known to all, that persons, past and present members of the Grand Lodge, make organized and systematic efforts for the election of themselves or their friends to high office, bringing to their aid all the questionable arts of the professional politician, and striving by artificial and un-Masonic means, to create such a sentiment for or against a particular person as will insure his success or defeat, before the Grand Lodge as a body shall have come together. The Grand Lodge is in fact deprived of its right to the free choice of its officers. Members are persistently solicited to vote for or against particular individuals, and their attention is diverted from the discharge of the serious duties which they are selected to perform. The all-absorbing question has grown to be, not, what measures shall the Grand Lodge take for the good of the Fraternity? but, who shall be elected to office?

“The aggrandizement of individuals is not the purpose for which this Grand Lodge was created. Its officers are its servants, called to occupy high places not for their own exaltation, but solely because the necessities of the Grand Lodge require their services. No person has the *right to demand* elevation to office. It is for the Grand Lodge itself to select its officers from among those *it* deems deserving. No one can have “claims to office,” and the more an individual permits his own good qualities to be paraded, the less reason is there why the Grand Lodge should recognize them. If the Grand Lodge has no higher duties than to elect officers from year to year, any distinctions of its conferring will soon become trivial and empty. If it is to be controlled by political methods and manipulations, and if the chief purpose of its being is to be the creation of the largest possible number of Grand Officers within the shortest space of time, its usefulness is gone forever. The Grand Lodge is a body created for more substantial purposes. Invested with the government of a great and useful Fraternity, it has heretofore possessed the respect, not only of the many thousands

who owe allegiance to it, but of the public at large. To use it merely as the vehicle for conferring titular distinctions upon individuals, is to degrade it from the high position it has occupied since its formation.

“These propositions are so self-evident, that under ordinary circumstances it would be needless to refer to them; but in view of the unnatural condition of things which is sought to be brought about it is incumbent upon the Grand Lodge to go back to first principles, and give such considerations as these their due weight.

“Any person who strives by means of trickery and intrigue, to foist himself upon the Grand Lodge as one of its officers, is not only unworthy to be a Grand Lodge officer, but his presence should not be tolerated as a Mason.

“This un-Masonic political spirit has become intensified in consequence of the more frequent changes in Grand Lodge officers, which has taken place within the last few years. Formerly, when changes were less frequent, time was given for any excitement which existed during or previous to an election in the Grand Lodge to subside. But now, no sooner is one election over than combinations are formed for the next, and thus the Fraternity is kept in perpetual turmoil. I commend this subject, in all its bearings and in all its possible consequences, to the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge.

“I have felt compelled to denounce the present system of Grand Lodge politics, but in doing so I disclaim all intention of referring to individuals. I also recognize that the necessity of referring to this subject involves the necessity of preventing my name from being presented to the Grand Lodge for reelection. I should be charged with seeking to advance my own personal interests.”

And thus the Grand Master presents his complaints, sketches one phase, at least, of the condition of his Grand Lodge, and ends his address.

At the session of the Grand Lodge on June 9, 1882, the Grand Lodge approved the action of the Grand Master in sequestrating the warrants of the two Lodges to which he referred in his address.

The following proceedings appear :

“ Right Worshipful Brother STEPHEN M. WRIGHT, from the Special Committee on the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge and Shakespeare Lodge, presented the report of said Committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted :

“ *To the Grand Lodge of the State of New York :*

“ The Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master’s address, referring to the edict issued by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania, forbidding Masonic intercourse between the Masons of Pennsylvania and members of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, of this jurisdiction, respectfully report :

“ That they have carefully examined the papers and the following appears to be the facts developed upon such examination :

“ That charges were duly preferred in Shakespeare Lodge against Brother TH. H. TOBIAS, a commission appointed and the trial proceeded with under the Code of Procedure adopted by this Grand Lodge, that at the trial witnesses sent by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania were present and examined, that the trial terminated in the dismissal of the case, owing to an irregularity in the proceedings, to wit: the absence of one of the Commissioners from one of the sessions of the commission, at which testimony was taken, this Grand Lodge having decided that such irregularity vitiates the entire proceedings *ab initio*.

“ It further appears that immediately thereafter the charges were again preferred, a new commission appointed, and the trial proceeded with, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania invited to again furnish evidence which they declined to do for the reasons stated in the letter from the Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, under date of 13th May, 1882, which is hereto annexed and made a part of this report; by reason of this declination no evidence was presented on the part of the prosecution and the trial terminated in the judgment of acquittal upon the evidence put in by the defense.

“ It thus appears that the statement recited in the preamble to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and on which the edict of non-intercourse was issued by the

Right Worshipful Grand Master, to the effect that Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, 'had refused to take action on the request and evidence presented to the Committee of Shakespeare Lodge,' is not sustained by the facts of the case.

"Your Committee feels satisfied that if the Right Worshipful Grand Master had been in possession of the facts as herein stated, the edict of non-intercourse would not have been issued.

"At this point your Committee deem it proper to suggest for the consideration of this Grand Lodge the question, Whether the Grand Lodge of any foreign jurisdiction has by Masonic law or usage the right to discipline any individual or subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or whether on the other hand, a proper course would not be to present to this Grand Lodge any cause of complaint against such individual or Lodge, whereon this Grand Lodge might in the ordinary course put the alleged offending party upon due trial? Your Committee do not regard it within their province to decide this question, but they would not deem their duty fully performed were they not to draw your attention to so important a matter naturally suggested by this case.

"In conclusion, your Committee recommend that the answer hereto annexed sent by the Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania to a communication of our Most Worshipful Grand Master be referred to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for an investigation of the allegations therein contained, concerning the conduct of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, and its commission on and in connection with the trial of Brother TH. H. TOBIAS, when he shall be officially informed that the edict of the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania is removed.

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDMUND L. JUDSON,
JOSEPH D. EVANS,
STEPHEN M. WRIGHT,
JOHN HODGE,
JULIUS J. FRANK,

Committee."

“OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, April 3, 1882. }

“Hon. SAMUEL B. DICK, *Grand Master of Pennsylvania* :

“*Most Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother* :—You sent me, on the 6th of February last, the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, interdicting Masonic intercourse between the Masons of Pennsylvania and the members of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, of this State. In the preamble to that resolution, the following language is used: ‘The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, having fully stated to Grand Lodge, that Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, had initiated a person by the name of TH. TOBIAS, who was rejected in Allegheny Lodge, No. 223, in this jurisdiction, *and had refused to take action* on the request and evidence presented to a Committee of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750,’ etc.

“The above action appears to have been taken on December 27, 1881. On December 24th, I sent you a long letter of the Master of Shakespeare Lodge, giving the result of the trial of Brother TOBIAS by a commission of the Lodge, which showed to you conclusively, that the Lodge, so far from refusing to take action, *had taken action*, in the only way known in such cases, by placing the Brother upon trial. Under these circumstances, I cannot account for the statement in the preamble above quoted, and should be glad to receive any explanation in regard to it.

“I regard the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in this matter as very extraordinary, and as I wish to present it fairly to the Grand Lodge of New York, I should be glad to have you explain fully of what the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania complains.

“Truly and fraternally, yours,

“HORACE S. TAYLOR,

“*Grand Master.*

“Most Worshipful Brother JOSEPH D. EVANS offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to report at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge :

“*Resolved*, That the question raised by the report of the Special Committee on that part of the Grand Master’s ad-

dress, in regard to the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania towards Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, in this jurisdiction, as to its right to interdict intercourse between the members of that Lodge and the Masons in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and also whether the law of this Grand Lodge, which gives unlimited control over a rejected candidate, is of such universal application as to cover the same right in other Grand Lodges over their rejected candidates removing in this jurisdiction."

We have fully set out the views of Most Worshipful Grand Master TAYLOR in the above extract. It is due to our sister jurisdiction thus to give all the statements made by her authorities on this subject.

It is with deep regret that we feel called upon to notice so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to the action of this Grand Lodge condemnatory of Shakespeare Lodge of the jurisdiction of New York. In the spirit of the most fraternal courtesy and respect, for we *can* be actuated by no other, we confess to much surprise in reading the remarks of Grand Master TAYLOR in his annual address, and the statements in the report of the Special Committee to which the subject of Shakespeare Lodge was referred by the Grand Lodge of New York. It is difficult, we admit, to divest the discussion of a question in which the action of two Grand Bodies is involved, of the latent feeling of sympathy which is natural to the members of both jurisdictions. But there are certain facts in this case which cannot be denied, and we must, though reluctantly, assert that Most Worshipful Grand Master TAYLOR has not given to these facts the due weight to which they are entitled, and we, with equal reluctance, confess that the distinguished committee, of which our esteemed Brother, Past Grand Master JUDSON, was the

Chairman, has given such a coloring of interpretation to these facts as materially changes their important relations to the issue involved. It is not within the range of reasonable argument to defend the action of Lodge 750, or excuse it, because the proceedings of the Commission, by a technical defect—the unexplained absence of one of the Commissioners—was declared void. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania did its duty, and the laches were those of the authorities of Lodge 750. It is hardly courteous to reflect on the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for omitting a second time to send witnesses, possibly to be subjected to a like result, before the authorities of Lodge No. 750. It was not without full consideration and deliberation the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania acted in the premises as she did. Right Worshipful Past Grand Master NISBET, now our Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, and our Right Worshipful Grand Master DICK and ourself, believed ourselves to be fully acquainted with these facts. We were present in New York at the time fixed by the Committee of Shakespeare Lodge for the first hearing of the charges preferred. We invited the attention to them of Grand Secretary AUSTIN, as well as to the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania near the Grand Lodge of New York. We saw and conversed with the witnesses from Pennsylvania, then in New York, sent to prove the charges. Necessarily we became acquainted with the action of the Commission appointed to conduct the first trial of the charges presented against Shakespeare Lodge. We went to New York by direction of our Grand Master, in order that, if it were possible, mistakes might be prevented that would produce unharmony. And we can confirm the statements made in the following letter, dated May 12, 1882, from Right Worshipful Brother MICHAEL NISBET

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to Right Worshipful Brother HORACE S. TAYLOR, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York. It is the answer to the question of Grand Master TAYLOR, "of what does the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania complain?"

" OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF
PENNSYLVANIA, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,
MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, May 13, 1882. }

*" Most Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother :—*By direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, as will be seen by the inclosed letter from him to you, I give you the following reasons why this Grand Lodge is dissatisfied with the result in the case of TH. TOBIAS, a rejected applicant in this jurisdiction.

"The evident indisposition of Lodge No. 750, in your jurisdiction, to enter into an investigation of the case, as evidenced by frivolous pretexts for delay on its part, it having stated what evidence was required, which was furnished to it, and then demanding additional evidence, which was specified by it, which was also furnished, and again as conclusive evidence was furnished of the charge, in again demanding other evidence.

"In the treatment accorded our witnesses before the commission appointed to investigate the case, who have stated they were treated as if they were the culprits.

"By one of the Commissioners appointed to investigate the case absenting himself from the meetings of the commission, and, after our witnesses had been sent from the extreme western limit of our jurisdiction to New York at considerable expense to this Grand Lodge, and had fully identified the TOBIAS of Lodge No. 750, as the TOBIAS who had been rejected in this jurisdiction, and proving the fact of his rejection by oral and documentary testimony, having the investigation quashed on the technical reason of such absence.

"By again, at a subsequent hearing of the case, when we had declined to put our Grand Lodge to an additional expense by again sending witnesses to New York to repeat the evidence already in possession of the proper authorities, in ignoring that testimony. And in the disposition evinced by

a large number of the Brethren of Lodge No. 750 to shield one, then and now a member of that Lodge, in utter disregard of the principles underlying the superstructure of our Fraternity.

“Yours fraternally,

“MICHAEL NISBET,

“*Grand Secretary.*

“To HORACE S. TAYLOR,

Grand Master of Masons of New York.”

The statements made in Brother Nisbet's letter we conscientiously believe cannot be successfully denied. We need not here refer to the time and place, when and where, the committee of Lodge No. 750 met or undertook to perform its duty as it thought fit. That neither were likely to insure full enquiry and careful investigation is suggested as a strong presumption. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on this condition of affairs was forced by her own self-respect to adopt the resolutions of interdiction against Shakespeare Lodge. If, as we believe, this subordinate Lodge failed to understand the plain duty which Masonic right, Masonic law, and Masonic justice dictated, whatever may have been the reasons for such lack of comprehension, then Pennsylvania could do no less than say, that fraternal intercourse between its members and the subordinate Lodges of Pennsylvania must cease. We shall not do more than thus express our views, which the present condition of the case demands. It may be, we earnestly trust it will be, that the Grand Lodge of New York, on a calm review of all the facts, and a careful reading of the full statement made to it from Pennsylvania, will become convinced that Shakespeare Lodge has failed in giving to this question that unprejudiced and impartial consideration which the important question involved so seriously requires. It is a

cause of sincere regret to us that this unfortunate incident in our relations has occurred. We remember well when our respective Grand Lodges held no fraternal relations with each other. It was our happiness to aid in their re-establishment. The records of the Grand Lodge of New York and of our own Grand Lodge, in the Reports of the Committees of Correspondence, in the year 1858, prove how earnestly Right Worshipful, the late Brother FINLEY A. KING and ourself, as then Chairmen of the respective Committees on Foreign Correspondence, labored to that end. With these memories coming to us as we write, we forbear adding further criticism in this reference to the subject, lest, peradventure, it might cloud the question involved, and prevent the clear understanding of it, which must lead to its satisfactory adjustment.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is, of course, the gathering of the annual Masonic thoughts on the Proceedings of Grand Lodges which makes all that proceeds from our most esteemed and distinguished Brother Past Grand Master SIMONS so high a Masonic authority. His report, less elaborate than usual, is so full nevertheless, so rich in sound Masonic doctrine, so replete with Masonic experience, and so able as a literary production, that we read it with delight. We reciprocate fully and cordially the sentiment of our distinguished Brother when he says, under "Pennsylvania," referring to the Shakespeare question, "We entertain no doubt of the desire of the New York authorities to bring about an amicable solution of the difficulty." We tender to our distinguished Brother our fraternal regard, and venture to express the hope that it will please our Great Grand Master, in the plenitude of His Divine power and

limitless mercy, to bestow upon our Most Worshipful Brother, Past Grand Master SIMONS, the priceless blessings of health of body and health of mind ; that the Craft around the world may continue to enjoy his utterances of Masonic wisdom.

Most Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN FLAGLER was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful EDWIN M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninety-fifth Annual Grand Communication held at Raleigh, December 6, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother HARRY F. GRAINGER, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master GRAINGER delivered his address, the opening paragraphs of which are wise, eloquent and appropriate.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge show a singular attention to the best interest of the Craft in the jurisdiction, and the Grand Lodge appears to be in a flourishing and harmonious condition.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication held at Kingston, August 3, 1881, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a monument erected to RICHARD CASWELL, at the request of His Excellency the Governor of North Carolina. Same Grand Officers.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication held at Oxford, September 7, 1881, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Male Department of the Orphan Asylum. Most Worshipful Brother HARRY F. GRAINGER, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother HARRY F. GRAINGER was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventeenth Annual Grand Communication held at Halifax, June 7, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM TAYLOR, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN CURREN, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master TAYLOR acknowledges the invitation of Right Worshipful Brother SAMUEL B. DICK to participate in the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1882. He refers to the efforts of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario for recognition, and views them in an unfavorable light. Most Worshipful Brother TAYLOR's address is practical and interesting.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Right Worshipful Brother D. C. MOORE. It is a digest simply of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges it reviews, and its brevity, perhaps, detracts nothing from its value.

Most Worshipful Brother, Major-General J. WINBURN LAURIE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CURREN, D. C. L., was elected Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventy-third Annual Grand Communication held at Cleveland, October 24, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES C. KIEFER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, we observe, has interchanged Representatives with the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales. We would exceedingly like to know upon what principle of Masonic law our distinguished Brother, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ohio, recognizes the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales so closely as to interchange Representatives.

So much of the Grand Master's address as refers to electioneering for office by members of Lodges, is appropriate, necessary, greatly needed as condemnatory of a growing practice in the Craft, and we cordially agree with him in what he says. Ohio, which has been running the gamut of all the "isms," has now been trying to make an "ism" on the Bible question. Fortunately, the Most Worshipful Grand Master in his address disinclines to this "NEW DEPARTURE." Without the Bible as a Great Light, without the Landmarks, for if the Bible is gone, there is no necessity for Landmarks; without the Bible and without Landmarks there is no necessity for Faith, and Faith is gone; without the Bible, without Landmarks, and without Faith, there is no necessity for Hope, and Hope is gone; without Faith and without Hope there is no room for Charity, and Charity is gone. We never before saw so clearly as now the so-called logical conclusion justifying "*Colored Masonry*," for with all the above essentials out of the way, the only color we could put on the institution would be very black. Yes, black—black as the darkness of despair.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary, announced that the Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania had honored the Grand Lodge of Ohio by inviting its Grand Officers to participate in the celebration of the One hundred and fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on June 24, 1882. We are pleased to know that our most distinguished Brother CALDWELL was gratified with attendance at our Sesqui-Centennial celebration. We are rather amused, on page 47

of the Pamphlet Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, that the request of Mercer Lodge, No. 121, to pay them for being mulcted by a "dead beat," was refused. The Committee to which was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as referred to the permanent location of the Grand Lodge, reported that it was inexpedient at this time to locate it anywhere. The next meeting, it seems, is to be held at Columbus, in October, 1883.

It would appear that Brother J. KELLY O'NEILL, to whom was referred the communication of Brother Samuel W. Clark, Grand Master of Masons, of date Cincinnati, October 12, 1882, addressed to CHARLES C. KEIFER, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, submitted a report in which he includes this Samuel W. Clark man. We judge from the whole that the Clark man represents the Grand Bcdy without Bible, without the Landmarks, without Faith, without Hope and without Charity, and therefore he must be a colored individual.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence makes its report through our distinguished Brother R. D. RICHARDS, Chairman of the Committee. We have read Brother RICHARDS's report. It is like his first. We consider him a very able reviewer. We had occasion to refer to him last year in terms that we regret were necessary, and for which we have now no apology, nor is an explanation necessary. We did use the word "impertinent," and "cynic," and all that—certainly, for the reason that they were the only words that expressed our views. When Brother RICHARDS has anything further to remark about us, we hope he will do it under the title "Pennsylvania," and not hide it away under the title "Iowa," or some other like caption. For Right Worshipful Brother RICHARDS personally, and as a Brother Mason, and as an officer or agent of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, we have the most fraternal respect; but in his capacity as reviewer of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for his Grand Lodge, he has forfeited every considera-

tion for which those qualified for that position earnestly aspire. The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in reviewing Pennsylvania, or referring to us, has withdrawn himself from that courteous and fraternal recognition which makes the interchange of fraternal salutations between Committees of Correspondence so agreeable. We shall give but one illustration on which we found these remarks. The spirit he manifests in all he says of us, wherever he refers to us under "Pennsylvania," or under whatever heads he selects to cover his attacks on us, are, to use the mildest terms we can employ, ungenerous and undignified. We cite this sentence to close our reference to this report of Brother RICHARDS. On page 99, of report of Foreign Correspondence Committee, under the title, "Iowa," are these words :

"The page given to "Exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty, U. S. A.," credited to Brother Vaux, we find word for word in the address of Grand Master Graham of Quebec. The question is, Whence came it?"

The careful or casual reading of these words seeks to raise the invidious presumption that Brother VAUX has plagiarized Brother GRAHAM. We are not surprised at it, for he who sneers at the Bible, and is exposed and called to task by his own Grand Master for such indecency, is competent to indulge in any insinuation which, in the words above quoted, he seeks to apply to us.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES C. KIEFER was re-elected Grand Master, and Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-second Annual Grand Communication, held at the city of Portland, June 12, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE McD. STROUD, Grand Master ;

Right Worshipful Brother FREELAND J. BABCOCK, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address, refers to the invitation of Grand Master Brother DICK to be present at the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and regrets his inability to attend. The Grand Master's address is circumscribed to domestic questions.

Brother J. K. WEATHERFORD, Grand Orator, delivered an address, and although he indulged in "a vain and idle delusion, to think that he could say anything new in regard to Masonry," he nevertheless has dressed up the funeral baked meats of many an oration, and made them more than palatable to our present appetite.

In the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge we do not observe anything out of the routine of ordinary Grand Lodge business.

Our esteemed and distinguished Brother CHADWICK, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his report. We like it amazingly. We never like to descend to undignified language, but we cannot fail in this connection to use the language of a known author as "chirpy and peert." Pardon us, Brother CHADWICK, but it is so—it is "chirpy and peert." We suppose we shall receive severe handling for this quotation, but, forgive us, Brethren, forgive us. The finger of the clock points to the small hours of the morning, and weary, Brother MACCALLA asks us, "Brother VAUX, do say something fresh." So to cheer him up, we use this phrase, "cheery and peert." May be it is not correct; may be we misquote. We give the reason for our quotation. We pray your indulgence, Brethren.

Brother CHADWICK takes out of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges their sterling material, and does the best he can. With Ireland, for example—where he prints the list of officers. Who can say hereafter that Brother CHADWICK is not capable, particularly when from Maine, in honor of Brother DRUMMOND, he makes the most voluminous and

public exposition of that Grand Lodge's Proceedings, particularly of the report of Most Worshipful Brother DRUMMOND. He says Brother DRUMMOND is "the voice of Masonry in the North." Does he mean by that that the voice is North, or the Masonry is North? But, whichever he may mean, we will not permit Brother CHADWICK to exceed us in esteem and respect for the Masonic voice of Maine. We wish we could follow up Brother CHADWICK's salutation to Brother HOWRY, but we must forbear. Our esteemed Brother's notice of Pennsylvania is charming. Brother MACCALLA says, after having read Brother CHADWICK's concluding remarks on Pennsylvania, "Brother VAUX, haven't you just said that Brother CHADWICK's report was 'chirpy and peert?' Didn't you try to write an apology for the use of those words? Well, now, withdraw the apology. Brother CHADWICK is flashy and funny." "Oh, Brother MACCALLA, strike that out." "No, I won't, you said 'chirpy and peert,' and I will say, 'flashy and funny?'" Any fellow who is satisfied to sleep on an 'Edes and Durkee woven wire bed,' and enjoy, well, well, well, the contemplation of the criminal law of Pennsylvania as applied to editors, is worthy of our most fraternal Masonic embrace—if he has no other."

We beg to offer Right Worshipful Brother CHADWICK our affectionate regards.

Most Worshipful Brother J. W. DOLPH was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother E. J. BABCOCK, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Semi-Annual Communication, held at Providence, November 21, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS VINCENT, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN BAKER, Grand Secretary.

We are pleased to see that Past Grand Master Brother FREEMAN was called to the Grand East to present to Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother VINCENT a Past Grand Master's jewel and apron.

We are sorry to observe that a special Committee was appointed to prepare a "Monitor."

Grand Master VINCENT's address confines itself to the discussion of home questions.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS VINCENT was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN BAKER, Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, February 2, 1882. The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, Brother the Right Honorable the Earl of MAR and KELLIE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM OFFICER, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania near the Grand Lodge of Scotland being present.

The Grand Lodge condemned the practice of members using Masonic emblems for business purposes.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication held March 30, 1882. Same Grand Officers. Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM OFFICER, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, present. This was held to congratulate the Queen upon her escape from the assault upon her life.

The Grand Master gave notice of the official visits he had made to Lodges in parts of his jurisdiction.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, May 4, 1882. Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master Brother Sir MICHAEL R. F. SHAW-STEWART, Bart., *as* Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

The charters relinquished by the Lodges of New Brunswick were returned to said Lodges. The Grand Committee met June 29, 1882. In the Minutes of the meeting of this Communication we find the following:

“Grand Secretary stated that a case had arisen out of the practice of Lodges conferring degrees for other Lodges in the same town, upon which he had been asked for an opinion. The case as reported and the opinion given were as follows:—‘The Right Worshipful Master of Lodge A visits Lodge B, unaccompanied by any member of his own Lodge, and introduces a candidate for initiation as a member of Lodge A. There is no communication from Lodge A, neither is the ballot used. Lodge B raises the question of legality, but as a matter of friendship agrees to assume the responsibility and so performs the ceremony. The candidate was a resident in London, visiting Scotland for a few weeks only.’ ‘I am of opinion that initiation under the circumstances related was irregular. A letter under the hand of the Secretary of Lodge A,—intimating that the candidate had been duly proposed and ballotted for, the ballot being clear, and that it was the desire of Lodge A that Lodge B should initiate the candidate for A—was necessary to justify initiation of the person in question.’ The Committee unanimously approved Grand Secretary’s opinion, and resolved that it be held as an official ruling for the guidance of Lodges in similar cases.”

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, August 3, 1882. Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master Brother R. F. SHAW-STEWART, *as* Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

At a meeting of the Grand Committee, held September 28, 1882, the Grand Secretary submitted several communications

from the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, embracing a series of carefully prepared statistics of that colony, under date of October 25. The Committee recommended the Grand Lodge to grant charters for five Lodges in New South Wales. On October 7, 1882, the corner-stone of a Masonic Hall in Paisley was laid by the Grand Master Deputy, Brother Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of One hundred and fifth Annual Grand Communication held at Masonic Temple, City of Charleston, December 13, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother JAMES F. IZLAR, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master IZLAR makes this remark in his address: "Remember that it is not Freemasonry that makes the man, but the man that makes Freemasonry honorable or dishonorable." To this suggestion we are not prepared to assent. We are astonished to find that Grand Master IZLAR does not see why the request of the Grand Lodge of Ontario should not be granted. It surprises us.

Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY offered preamble and resolutions in substance recognizing the doctrine of American Grand Lodge sovereignty.

The Grand Lodge postponed the question of recognizing the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is, of course, from Right Worshipful Brother INGLESBY, Grand Secretary. His report is concise, and for his notice of Pennsylvania we beg him to accept our fraternal regards.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN D. KENNEDY was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at Freemasons' Hall, City of Nashville, January 31, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN T. IRION, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN F. FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master IRION, in his address, says: "Each passing year has but confirmed me in the belief that next to true religion it (that of Freemasonry) is the best system for advancing the moral and social interests of mankind yet devised." To which we say, Amen. The Grand Master makes feeling notice of the death of Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE S. BLACKIE.

The Grand Master refers to "Physical Qualifications." We wish to emphatically condemn, as un-Masonic and violative of the landmarks and traditions of the Craft, the Grand Master's views on that subject.

We do not think the report of Right Worshipful Brother JAMES D. RICHARDSON mends the matter. The landmarks have no rough corners or edges to be knocked off by the neoteric nescience of philanthropic innovators.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother JOHN FRIZZELL, appointed to succeed our lamented Brother BLACKIE. We welcome Brother FRIZZELL into the company of reviewers, and we trust, as he becomes more familiar with his duties, he will learn how indestructible are landmarks, and that conservatism is more desired in Grand Lodges than innovations.

Most Worshipful Brother NATHAN S. WOODWARD was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary.

 TEXAS.

While revising our Report, we received a copy of the Proceedings of the Forty-seventh Annual Communication of

the Grand Lodge of Texas, held in the City of Houston, December 14, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. MATTHEWS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother G. H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address shows unusual activity in the Craft of Texas. There were nine corner-stones laid by the Grand Lodge, and eleven new Lodges constituted. The pamphlet contains twelve printed pages of decisions of the Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES STEWART, Deputy Grand Master, made an address containing a report of the discharge of his official duties. We do not quite understand the official relation, or the special duties of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

The report of the Right Worshipful Brother JAMES MASTERSON, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is short, and appears to have been prepared under difficulties. He notices but twenty-two Grand Lodges. Pennsylvania is not in his list, which we regret, lest any omission on our part in transmitting a copy of our Proceedings might be assumed. The copies for Texas were sent with those for the other Grand Lodges.

We have as an almost invariable rule declined to examine the decisions of Most Worshipful Grand Masters as published in their several addresses, unless some landmark is violated, as we think it is both wise and decorous to avoid criticism on other subjects. We find, however, one of the decisions of Most Worshipful Grand Master MATTHEWS that from the novelty of the case is worthy of simple mention. The Grand Master was asked his directions on this case: "A lived in a county in Texas, fifteen years ago. He has been married a short time. He was away a short time, and a neighbor grossly insulted his wife. When A learned the circumstances, he armed himself and killed the offender. He left, and went to another section, assumed a different name, and under this name was made a Mason. He returned to the former

residence, was tried and acquitted of the murder. Then he took his original and real name. Which would be the proper course to set him right?"

We believe the Grand Master regarded one course of proceeding as appropriate, viz.: for either the Lodge that made him a Mason, or the one nearest to his residence "to prefer charges against him for applying for and receiving the three degrees under, or in, an assumed name, and by so doing practicing fraud—if the facts be such as to warrant such a course."

We fully agree that expulsion is the only course under the facts as given. This is certainly a novel case. What is to be the outcome is yet unknown.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES STEWART was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother G. H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Salt Lake City, August 4, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother PHILIP HENRY EMERSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary.

This Communication was called to lay the corner-stone of the Academy of Music. The Grand Orator, in his address on that occasion, makes use of this language:

"The primitive laws of nature may be reduced to six—reason, the attachment of the sexes to each other, parental and filial affection, the religious sentiment, self-love and sociability."

We assume that those are the foundations of polygamy. If not, why not? The Grand Orator elaborates these primitive laws, and does it nicely.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Salt Lake City, Sunday, November 20, 1881. Same Grand Officers. Held for the purpose of attending the funeral of Senior Grand Warden Brother GOLDBERG.

PROCEEDINGS of Eleventh Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Salt Lake City, January 17, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother P. H. EMERSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address refers to the assumed Grand Lodge of Ontario, claiming recognition from the Grand Lodge of Utah. It was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, which reported that it was a spurious body, and it was refused recognition. The Grand Master recognizes the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, and he takes the true American ground against the Grand Orient of Spain. He has declared non-intercourse with Hamburg, because she has planted Lodges in New York and New Jersey. His views in regard to the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales are indisputably sound. The address of the Grand Master is a most admirable paper.

The Grand Secretary was directed, by a report of a Special Communication on the Grand Master's address, to prepare an address in regard to the grounds on which the Grand Lodge excludes Mormons from the Fraternity in Utah. As this is somewhat important, and as this Grand Lodge should speak for itself, we give this circular in full:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE
GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.,
OF UTAH.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 10, A. D. 1882.

Dear Sir and Brother:

To avoid further misunderstanding, and to explain the position of the Masonic Fraternity of Utah towards the members of the Mormon Church living in this Territory, and the reason why they are excluded from receiving any of

the privileges of Freemasonry, this Grand Lodge, in its Eleventh Annual Communication (January 17th and 18th, A. D. 1882), assembled, directed the undersigned to **call** your attention to the following facts concerning the subject :

Previous to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Utah, there were in the Territory three Lodges, working respectively by authority of the Grand Lodges of Montana, Kansas and Colorado. The Brothers composing these Lodges, although working under different Grand Jurisdictions and without receiving direct instructions from them, neither made Masons from members of the Mormon Church, nor admitted such who *were* Masons into their Lodges. This refusal shows plainly that these Brethren did not consider the followers of Brigham Young fit material for the Masonic Structure, and that they must have had sufficient reasons for objecting to associate in their Lodges with such who had in their mother country and prior to joining the Mormon Church taken the O. B. of a Mason.

At the organization of the Grand Lodge of Utah, A. D. 1872, the Mormon question was not directly approached, for the simple reason that it was supposed then, as now, that each individual Brother was familiar enough with the teachings and practices of the Mormon Church to know that a person believing in its doctrines could not be made a Mason. The experience of the past decade has proved sufficiently that the Grand Lodge acted wisely in leaving the question an open one, and in depending entirely on the good judgment of its members.

While the Fraternity in Utah believes in and upholds the universality of the Masonic Institution, and recognizes the right of every Craftsman to join any Church and embrace any creed he chooses, and demands of him only that he shall admit the theological belief taught on the threshold of our sacred Temple, and further, *that he must be loyal to the Government under which he lives, and yield a willing obedience to all its laws*, the Masons in Utah contend that the latter important prerequisite is wanting in Mormons, because one of the chief tenets of their Church in Utah is Polygamy, which a United States Statute has declared to be a crime, and which all civilized nations consider a relic of barbarism. It has been said that not all Mormons in Utah practice polygamy, and this is even so, but it is nevertheless true that all believe it to be a revelation of God, and consequently all of them, by retain-

ing membership in the Church, uphold the tenet and thereby teach and encourage others to enter into polygamous relations that make them abettors of the crime, and they are therefore, by the laws of our country, the decisions of our courts and the moral sense of an enlightened world, amenable and guilty. It is their application of the dogma to practical life, and their enjoining it upon all as a duty commanded by God, that constitutes their criminality, and not the simple belief in it. Hence every disciple of and adherent to the Mormon doctrine as taught by Brigham Young, is barred out of our Lodges, because we cannot comprehend that a deed committed in the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge and there considered to be a crime in the eyes of Freemasonry as well as in the eyes of the law of the land, should be upheld and considered to be a religious tenet in Utah.

In view of the foregoing facts, every thinking Mason must admit that the course heretofore pursued by our Lodges is the only correct one, and that to be true to themselves and to the Craft at large, they can pursue none other. The Craftsmen of Utah have seen so much of the evil doings of Mormonism that they have a perfect abhorrence of it, and will do all in their power to keep the noble and pure institution of Freemasonry free from its evil influences. The Grand Lodge of Utah is well aware of its singular and anomalous situation, but the Craft throughout the globe may be assured, that as a link in the Masonic chain, it has in the past and will in the future perform its sacred duty to the satisfaction of every sister Grand Lodge. For further information concerning this subject, I refer to our Proceedings of 1879, p. 29, and 1882, pp. 28 and 78, copies of which were mailed to you at the time, and which will more fully elucidate our past actions. Our future intentions in the premises may be judged thereby.

The Grand Lodge of Utah desires to acquaint the Masonic world with its position and standing towards the believers in the teachings of Brigham Young, and that this may be accomplished, I beg leave, dear Brother, to solicit your assistance by submitting the matter as hereinbefore stated, to your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at its next annual Communication, with the request that it be published with the Proceedings. Should you be prevented from attending the Communication, please intrust another competent mem-

ber of the Grand Lodge with our supplication, and be assured of my sincerest thanks.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this, and communicate to me the result of your action, and with Masonic salutations, believe me to be

Fraternally Yours,

CHRISTOPHER DIEHL,

Grand Secretary.

Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL presents the report on Foreign Correspondence, a bright, carefully prepared paper. We tender our distinguished Brother our most fraternal salutations. If we thought we could see in "four weeks" what our distinguished Brother has seen in "sixteen years," we would possibly have ability given us to "endorse all the reasoning of the Committee, and add a little more to it." We desire to do full justice to our Brethren in Utah, and we have tried in this report to give to the Grand Lodge of Utah a full and impartial hearing. We do not regard the Mormon question as one-sided, we know very little about it, but the history of the world has shown us that the opinions of men are not always governed by the highest dictates of pure morality. When social institutions are based on the claim of either the dictates, or the emotions, of religious teachings, it becomes a difficult question to determine how far the one is false, or the other unsound or irrational. We are no apologists for polygamy, nor do we pretend for a moment to encourage a violation of the laws of the land under which we live. Masonic law forbids it, peremptorily forbids it. Yet we cannot see how it is that under the Jewish Dispensation the patriarchs desired to become Masons (for there were Masonic Lodges in those days) how the Gentiles could have black-balled them. We don't desire our distinguished Brother DIEHL to understand for a moment that we are contravening, or even objecting to the action of our Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Utah. We are rather trying to accept the apostolic injunction, of covering a multitude of sins with Charity (I. Peter, iv, 8).

We thank our Brother for his notice of Pennsylvania, and beg him to accept the assurance of our fraternal regard.

Most Worshipful Brother WM. FLETCHER JAMES, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninetieth Annual Grand Communication, held at city of Burlington, June 14, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother LUCIUS C. BUTLER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother HENRY N. NEWELL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address calls the Grand Lodge "our sanctum sanctorum." His opening paragraphs are beautiful and appropriate, and we take great pleasure in making the following quotation:

"Masonry is an institution *sui generis*. It is ancient, venerable and honorable. It has been handed down through a long line of ancestry to the present, as a distinct and unique organization. It existed before other organizations of a similar character were formed. It is the original: they are the imitators. It has never depended upon any other organization for its existence. It will live when they are dead. It has laws, regulations and landmarks which distinguish it, and are all that are necessary for its government. They are as unrepeatable and as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. They are the body of Masonry upon which we admit the power of no man or body of men to make innovations. To these landmarks every Mason is bound to adhere, and to the test of these landmarks, plainly laid down in our Masonic Text Books, I have endeavored to bring every question of law, usage or regulation that has been presented for my decision."

It seems that the Grand Lodge of Vermont has had the same trouble with Canada that New York had with Connecticut in the "Webotuck case." These cases rarely occur,

and it is to be hoped that the precedent in New York and Connecticut may settle all such questions if they unfortunately arise in other Grand Lodges. The Grand Master's address is very interesting, more than usually so. He refers to the union of the Grand Lodges of Colon and Cuba, and rejoices in the settlement of that question. As to the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, he does not think that the facts justify the Grand Lodge of Vermont in taking any steps towards its recognition. We desire to express our sincere gratification at reading this address of Grand Master Brother BUTLER.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from Right Worshipful Brother FREDERICK S. FISHER—an exceedingly able and exhaustive paper. We wish we could give extracts from it. We cannot too highly commend this report. We are gratified that he agrees with us on the subject of public installations. In fact, it is a gratification to see in how many points we are in accord with our distinguished Brother. We thank him for the dignified way in which he replies, under the title "Ohio," to our esteemed Brother RICHARDS, particularly, and on the title, "No Bible." We congratulate the Grand Lodge of Vermont upon having so able a Brother in charge of its Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother LUCIUS C. BUTLER was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. H. ROOT, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-fifth Annual Grand Communication, held at the city of Walla Walla, June 7, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother RALPH GUICHARD, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. REED, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is very interesting, especially in his reference to the formation of their Grand Lodge, and its history. We commend in the most earnest spirit, so much of the Grand Master's address as is under the title "Home and Foreign Relations." His opinion as to the value of reports of Committees of Foreign Correspondence are terse and sound.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a long report upon Utah. We are hardly prepared to endorse all the views of the Committee on this subject. With this question the Western Grand Lodges have, necessarily, more direct interest, and it appears that among them it is exciting justly very serious attention. Our relations with this question are not so intimate, as we are remote from its influence. The men of the world who seem to make pleasantries at the expense, as they think, of the Masonic institution, contend that a man with one wife has great difficulty in keeping our secrets. What the condition of the Brother is who has ten wives is open to conjecture. We pity him. If our Western Brethren think that a member of a Lodge going home to his ten wives, will have to answer the catechism of the ten commandments, Where have you been? &c., they should do all they can to protect the Brother, but more especially protect the Craft against the caudleization of the one, or the Morgанизation of the other. We see but one advantage he has over us people in the East—if he happens to unburden his coat of a pocket-handkerchief marked "Mary," the ten inquisitors might be in doubt as to which one it belonged.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence comes to us from Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. REED, Chairman. This report is a great improvement on its predecessors. Brother REED properly appreciates the value of these reports, and he has signally displayed great talent and tact in the preparation of the one now under review. We congratulate our Brother on the manner in which he

has performed the duty imposed on him. There are no excuses necessary, either for the length or the crudeness of this report. We tender him our thanks for his notice of Pennsylvania, and beg him to accept our most fraternal regards.

Most Worshipful Brother JOSEPH A. KATIN, was elected Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. REED, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirty-eighth Annual Grand Communication Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, held at the city of Milwaukee, June, 1882. Most Worshipful Brother EMMONS E. CHAPIN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master Brother CHAPIN's address is more than usually interesting, though he treats only of interests which relate to the jurisdiction over which he presides. His remarks on schools of instruction are eminently worthy of the attention of the Craft. It is but too true as Grand Master CHAPIN observes that "Masonic work must go on and up, or it will go down and out." Schools in which the work of the Craft, its history, philosophy, symbology are taught, are of far more value and importance to the Craft, than the fuss and feathers of public installations, parades, and "Eastern Stars."

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Court-House in the city of Appleton, on the 28th of June, 1881. Most Worshipful Brother EMMONS E. CHAPIN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EDWARD R. BLAKE as Grand Secretary.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master J. P. C. COTTRELL made the address, and admirable it was. We would be

glad to make extracts, but trying to select parts, we found that not less than all of it ought to be selected. It is so thoughtful and instructive that we beg to thank our Right Worshipful Past Grand Master for this contribution to the literature of Freemasonry. We feel it, however, a duty to enter our protest against so much of this address as relates to the idea of secrecy as an unnecessary principle in the Craft. Our distinguished Brother must have read without due consideration if he does not know, that it was *secrecy in the beginning, is now, and ever must be* an absolute and essential characteristic of this great Craft.

The Great Architect of the Universe has given us to know by His divine teaching that "Secrecy" is one of the attributes of His inscrutable will. The mystery that was hid from human comprehension, the unknowable, is veiled yet from the ostentatious pretences of science. So that secrecy in Freemasonry is that which is unknowable, hidden, a mystery to the profane. They are, as profane, never to know what Freemasonry holds inviolate within her Temple. One of the highest evidences of the antiquity of our Craft is to be found in the transmitted and traditional principle of secrecy. The ancient Egyptian cults had never other than the initiated among their disciples. Secret from mankind, but acceptable to those well and duly prepared, who sought, after long probation the knowledge of the mysteries. Thus history, speaks to us. 'Tis so that tradition unfolds its revelations. The tiny flower blooming on the hillside, sheltered by the rock, and nurtured by the sunlight of the day, and the dew of the morning, holds in its petal a secret that it will not tell.

So, too, Freemasonry; it has its secrets, and they are only knowable by the seeking and asking, which are regulated by a prescribed and unalterable method. Strange, too, is it, that we find on full examination, for four thousand years this method has marked the history of esoterically taught truth from the earliest dawn of the light of knowledge. No, Most

Worshipful Sir and Brother, secrecy is the mark on Freemasonry that the ages have made indelible and eternal.

On the 12th of July, 1881, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Appleton, "to lay the corner-stone of the new Masonic building."

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Milwaukee, on the 28th of September, 1881, for memorial services in St. Paul's Church on the death of Brother GARFIELD.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Ripon, September 28, 1881, for like Memorial service.

At Fond-du-Lac, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on May 30, 1882, to lay the corner-stone of the new Court-House.

On June 30, 1882, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Appleton, to dedicate the Masonic Hall. Most Worshipful Brother LEWIS E. REED, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THEODORE W. BRIGGS as Grand Secretary. Grand Master REED made the address.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL. The report of our Brother stops at "*New Jersey*, 1882," and thus our Brother WOODHULL concludes: "We regret that we must close our report, without reviewing several more States." So it appears that the *State* of New Jersey was too much for our Brother. Why, or wherefore? What did New Jersey do, or omit to do which so disgusted our esteemed Brother? Ah! State of New Jersey! See what has come to us, of the "several more States," from your sins of omission or commission. Left in the chaos, in the nowhere, in the shade, in the ambiguity of the uncertainties, oh, New Jersey! On behalf, then, of ourselves, and the "several more States," we hope that our distinguished Brother WOODHULL will tell us one of these days how it was, or why it was that he threw down the reportorial and reviewer's pen as he concluded his notice of the

State of New Jersey. We have gone over again (since we wrote it) our notice of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and we are at a loss to find any strong or effective resultant cause for this disgust. True, we are not so highly appreciative as Brother WOODHULL, and therein lies our defect. Well, we hope Brother WOODHULL will gain strength of mind enough in the coming season, to take up several more States, next time. Till then, as one of the discarded States, we offer our Brother our most fraternal salutations.

Most Worshipful Brother REED was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at Rawlins, October 11, 1881. Right Worshipful Brother ROBERT WILSON, *as* Grand Master; Brother WM. L. ASH, *as* Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master was absent, and Right Worshipful Brother ROBERT WILSON, acting Grand Master, read his address. The address of Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother FOOTE relates exclusively to questions of home jurisdiction.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence was presented by Brother JOHN H. SYMONS, for the Committee. Brother SYMONS says this report is his first report, and should have been published six months sooner. He says he was three months preparing it, and a very creditable paper he has made of it. Want of familiarity with the duties is hardly to be observed, and we congratulate the Craft in Wyoming that the duty devolved upon the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is so admirably performed by our esteemed Brother. He has given the greatest amount of in-

formation in the least space. We trust our Brother may long continue in the position for which he appears to be so admirably qualified. There is no intuitive knowledge for this post. The value of the services of the Chairman of this Committee rests on experience, familiarity with the duty, ability to comprehend, and conciseness and courtesy in criticism. The ability of our Brother already manifest proves that he will soon be both competent and capable.

Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT WILSON RAWLINS was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JNO. H. SYMONS, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Very careful examination has been given to the question of acknowledging the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and extending to it fraternal recognition. In the present condition of the Craft in that Territory this examination does not present any Masonic ground on which such recognition would be justified.

The principles on which Grand Lodge sovereignty is admittedly based, have been so fully discussed as now to need no re-affirmance.

When the Craft in this Territory, over which supreme Masonic jurisdiction is claimed by this Convocation of Masons, shall have accepted the fundamental maxim of Masonic jurisprudence governing this subject, it will be time enough to consider the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in regard to it.

It is hardly necessary to deny the claim for recognition of the body assuming to be a Grand Lodge, in Arizona. It

is too plain that such recognition could not now be seriously considered.

We have finished the review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges received. It is with regret we state that as yet no reports have come to us from the Grand Lodges of Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Virginia, West Virginia.

We miss Quebec, Virginia and California, and say so with sincere regret.

The hours devoted to the pleasing labor of this review have been made happy hours not only in the labor itself, but because our esteemed Brother MACCALLA has been our companion. For his fraternal aid we owe him this acknowledgment.

Brethren of the Craft, we offer you the salutations of an earnest devotion to the Faith which perpetuates our Fraternity. We invoke for you, and from you, the pure spirit of Masonic unity, harmony and peace. We believe that the faculty of self-preservation in Freemasonry is the undeviating adherence to the landmarks. There is no peril so insidious in its influences as the unrebuked attempt to palliate or palter with innovation.

The progress of this peril is not so easily detected. At first we endure, then pity, then embrace specious suggestions that, as they go, gather darkness, and end in danger. The consequences come on us in their destructive character, and find us most probably unaware of their existence and real character. Then we are not fully prepared to treat them with courage and vigor. Unattentive to the first words of warning, resting satisfied without watchful observation, believing

that possibly the alarm is exaggerated, we are led into fatal supineness.

Contention comes. Divisions are imperceptibly engendered. Contrariety of views develops the formative power of opinion. Is it wise thus to trifle with eternal principles? In what lies the error, and where is the remedy? Does the wisdom which sanctifies action; does the prudence which governs in doubt; does the conscientious obedience to recognized essentials; does the knowledge which predicates conviction of truth; do the teachings of the fathers; does the sublime majesty of our inheritance we enjoy as the contribution of the ages justify us in tolerating open or covert assaults on the foundations on which Freemasonry rests, and on which it must ever rest, if it is to be perpetuated?

Warnings, dear Brethren, are not often welcome. They create a disposition to disbelieve, or a stolid hope that they may prove unnecessary. It is so easy to reject the premonitions of what we desire to escape. The human mind, in our day, accepts only what can be shown to be practically important. The effort of ordinary intelligence is to make practical. When the cautious and thoughtful observer sees in the mists of the future the unformed cloud in its cumulus, no larger than the hand, and ventures to awaken attention to portents that may probably become facts, the more practical mind is without interest, without attention and without fear. Then the peril grows. It stealthily comes, gaining in strength.

Let us ever remember that hid in all signs and symbols are indestructible truths. In the rainbow, after the summer shower, is the promise that the earth shall no more be destroyed. In the dying grain in the ground is the vitality

which lives again, life out of death, or immortality under the sign of the seed.

These signs are lessons. They are warnings. Read them. Seek the subjective truths veiled in their objective forms. Learn from them that perils ever abound. Be wise and know, to prevent is easier than to cure. Build up the waste places in our Temple. Guard its portals. Challenge intruders. Stop the way of innovation. Reject appeals to any sentiment or emotion or weakness which may impair the integrity of Masonic usages, customs and landmarks. Steadfastness and security are co-relative.

The strength, beauty and majesty of Freemasonry lie in its unchangeableness. Antiquity is the seal which attests its title. Let us preserve it. This age holds it only in trust for the coming time.

Dear Brethren, bear with us. Anxious, and only so, do we feel on this subject, that we may have been led into exceptional and, it may be, too emphatic salutation to you in this wise.

Adopting the expressive verbalization of the aborigines of our country, this "*Talk*" with our esteemed Brethren, the Chairmen and members of Committees on Correspondence, is, as always it has been, both instructive and agreeable. We can be animated, Brethren, in these intercommunications only by the spirit of pure fraternity. Our aim in discussing the subjects that attract attention is to illuminate truth. If by inadvertence we have used a word that seems unkind, Brethren, we ask you to forgive us. Limited as the range of subjects, of necessity, must be, the general welfare, unity and harmony of the Craft absorb our consideration and give direction to our examinations. It is, there-

fore, that in concluding our yearly labor, we have unfeigned regret. Parting salutation is never without a shade of uncertainty, that seems at times to take to itself the more objective form of positive separation. There is sadness in the thought that is involved in it, or rather in the essence of its expression. So, or otherwise, we salute you, dear Brethren, with an unfaltering trust in the love and mercy of our "Father which is in Heaven," and invoking for you His continued blessings.

RICHARD VAUX, P. G. M.,

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, December 27, 1882.

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